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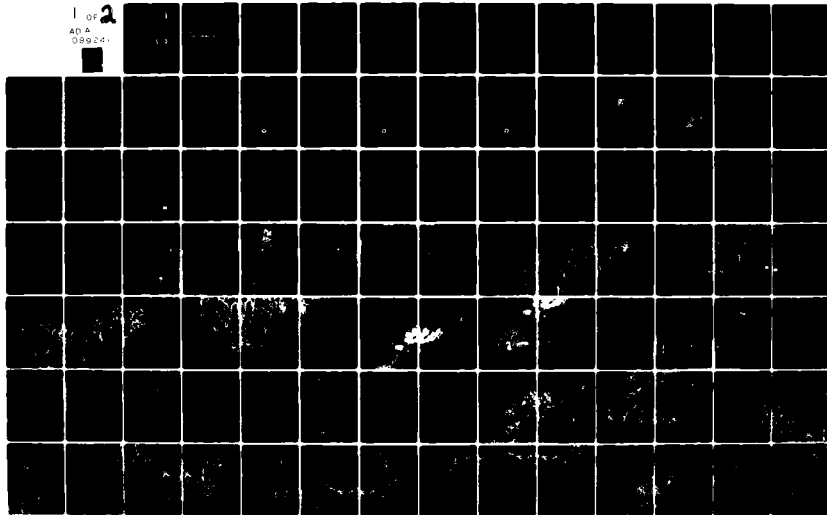
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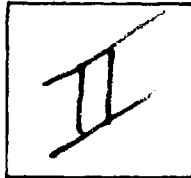
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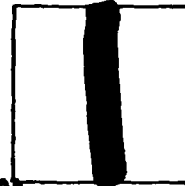
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A SUMMARY OF THE GEOLOGY OF EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

I. INTRODUCTION

The Corps of Engineers, along with other State and Federal agencies, has conducted broad-based studies of wastewater in eastern Massachusetts. A major portion of this study dealt with the feasibility and planning procedures for different methods of wastewater treatment and renovation in accordance with the goals expressed in Public Law 92-500. One of the alternatives studied was that of wastewater treatment by the method of land application. In this alternative, wastewater is applied to the ground and is treated as it flows on or through the soil and underlying rock material.

Knowledge of the geology of an area is of prime concern to any planning effort for land application of wastewater. The effectiveness of land treatment and the impact of the applied wastewater on the land, groundwater, and nearby streams and other surface bodies cannot be adequately addressed unless the surficial, groundwater and general bedrock geology of an area are known. To this end, the geology of eastern Massachusetts was compiled from existing sources and was displayed in both narrative and map form. The entire wastewater management study was divided into two parts based on geographic delineation. One study dealt with the Merrimack Valley in Massachusetts, the other with the rest of the State of Massachusetts east of approximately the 71° 52', 30" W longitude. The compilation of the geology of the Merrimack Valley in Massachusetts was prepared by Goldberg-Zoino and Associates, Inc. under the direction of Mr. John Ayres. The geology of the rest of the study area was compiled by Whitman and Howard, Inc., under the supervision of Mr. Steven Dean. The two efforts were coordinated by the senior author of this report, Franklin W. Fessenden of Bentley College and the Corps of Engineers.

The full description of the geologic investigations can be found in the main reports on each of the two study areas. The Merrimack Study is in Appendix I-A (Geologic - Hydrogeologic Investigations) of Volume 3, "Merrimack Wastewater Management, Key to a Clean River." The Eastern Massachusetts geology study is printed as an Addendum to the Boston Harbor -- Eastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Area Wastewater Study. Both of these reports were published by and are on file at the Corps of Engineers, New England Division.

This report is a summary of the two major geologic studies and is intended for those who wish a set of geologic maps of the Eastern Massachusetts area along with a list of source materials and references compiled in one volume. It should be emphasized that the material presented in this report is a compilation of available geologic knowledge existing prior to late 1973 and does not include original research.

II. LOCATION

The area discussed in this report is that portion of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts east of longitude $71^{\circ}, 52', 30''$. The study area has been subdivided into two regions, the Merrimack River Basin in Massachusetts and the remaining part of the eastern half of the State outside of the Merrimack Basin. Figure 1 is a location map of the entire study area with the subdivision outlined.

III. SUMMARY OF THE GEOLOGY OF THE STUDY AREA

A. Bedrock Geology

The bedrock of the study area consists of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks mantled discontinuously by unconsolidated deposits. The ages of the bedrock range from pre-Cambrian to late Paleozoic with some minor volcanics of Triassic age also being mapped. The predominate igneous rocks are granite and granodiorite. Other igneous rocks mapped are syenites, volcanics and gabbrodiorites. Outcrops of sedimentary and metasedimentary rocks of chiefly confined to the eastern and southeastern parts of the study area in the Boston and Narragansett basins. Slates, argillites and conglomerates as well as some sandstones are mapped. Metamorphic rocks exhibiting both foliated (phyllites, schists, and gneisses) and non-foliated (quartzites) texture are abundant and outcrop in all parts of the study area.

B. Surficial Geology

1. General

Nearly all of the bedrock units of the study area are of Paleozoic age or older. The exceptions are a few diabase dikes of reported Triassic age. A long period of erosion followed the emplacement of the bedrock. During this interval, the rock was weathered and worn away and streams and rivers incised valleys in the bedrock floor.

Downcutting by these streams was interrupted by the advance and retreat of glacial ice sheets during the Pleistocene epoch. Much of the mantling cover of soil and weathered rock was removed by the ice sheets, and the underlying bedrock surfaces were subjected to glacial abrasion and scouring.

One or more layers of till or other glacial debris was deposited on this modified surface by the advancing ice. Later, as the ice melted, waterborne drift accumulated between, among, and over residual ice blocks, and settled in the basins of temporary glacial lakes.

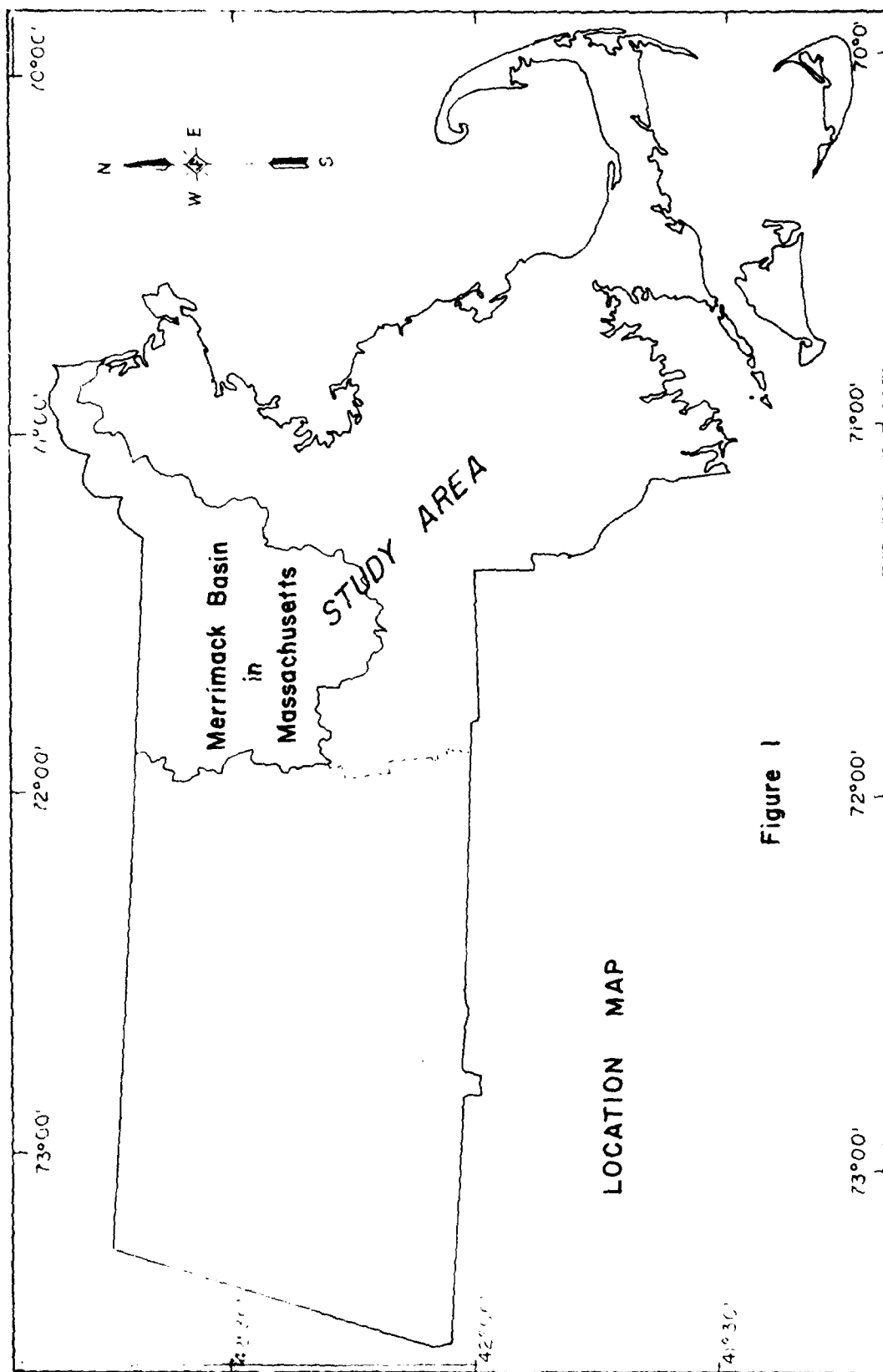


Figure 1

Pre-glacial drainage patterns changed as many of the ancient pre-glacial valleys were blocked or filled with sediment and the streams, having been diverted from their original channels, developed new courses.

After the glacial ice had receded, the land mass began to rebound exposing some of the newly-deposited materials to further erosion. During and following this period, sea level fluctuated with the strand line first retreating and then re-advancing. Along the shores glacial sands were shaped into dunes by the wind, open waters were filled with sediments and on these a marsh system evolved.

Landward, the large glacial lakes were drained to the sea through successively lower elevation outlets. Rivers and streams became established in new courses and channels, and glacial-derived sediments were commonly reworked and redeposited as alluvium. Poorly drained upland areas and old lake bottoms, along with some of the deeper kettle holes in outwash areas, became partially filled with organic detritus.

2. Glacial Deposits

With the exception of local deposits of Tertiary clays and silts and sands along the south shore and the islands, all the various unconsolidated surficial materials in the study area are of Pleistocene or recent age. Several different types, grouped by lithologic character and mode of origin, are present in the area.

Glacial Till

Till is the most widespread unconsolidated sediment. It consists for the most part of unsorted clayey or silty sands and gravels which commonly contain many boulders and cobbles. Till deposits generally average less than 20 feet in thickness and are deeper in the low land areas and thinner towards the top of rock cored hills. Thicker deposits are found in the several drumlins which are found in this area. No distinction is made between the so-called "older" and "younger" tills which have been the subject of much debate. All till in the study area is mapped as one unit.

Glaciofluvial - Glaciolacustrine Deposits

Coarse grained stratified drift deposits are mapped and discussed together. Although the outwash and ice contact deposits may differ significantly in their origins and/or final topographic forms, they are similar in physical characteristics. Most often these deposits consist of sands or sand and gravel with minor amounts of silt and/or clay (less than 10%). They are usually stratified and moderate to well sorted.

Large quantities of these materials are found among deltaic deposits which accumulated in temporary glacial lakes, in outwash plains and as kames deposited on and next to the wasting ice.

The materials mapped and described as lake bottom deposits are limited to those finer grained materials that originally accumulated on the floors of temporary glacial lakes. They are most commonly seen today in valley floors and in level plain-like areas such as near Hanscom Field in Bedford.

The materials referred to as lake bottom deposits are primarily silts and/or sandy silts. Varve clays are reported from the Nashua and Sudbury Valleys, and to lesser extent elsewhere in the area.

Glaciomarine Deposits

Blue-gray silty clays are found along coastal sections of the study area. They are most often described as late-glacial and post-glacial age marine deposits. The occurrence of this clay well above modern sea level elevations indicates landward submergence during the time of its deposition.

Sands and silty sands, often associated with the glaciomarine clays described above, are mapped together with recent dune sands and beach sands. For the most part, the recent beach sands along the Atlantic coast have been derived from glacial materials.

3. Recent Deposits

Marine Organic Deposits

Recent age marine organic silts are found in coastal lowland regions, as for example in the large salt marsh behind Plum Island and the marshes along the North and South Rivers near Duxbury and Scituate. These deposits are commonly related to fluctuations in sea level as were cited above.

Fresh Water Organic Deposits

Fresh water swamp accumulations throughout the area consist of peat and other decomposed organic matter interbedded in places with sands and silts. They are most extensive in valleys and low-lands where they overlie lake bottom deposits, alluvium, or outwash. Elsewhere they occur locally in kettles, or in poorly drained upland rock basins and depressions in the ground moraine. The swamp deposits are generally thin in upland locations, but in several lowland areas are known to exceed fifty feet.

River Terrace and Alluvium Deposits

Much of the material picked up, transported, and deposited by streams in the study area has been derived from glacial deposits. Some of this material was deposited in post-glacial times along river courses that are now abandoned or partially abandoned. River terraces and other features that represent these older stream courses are seen throughout the area. Alluvial material ranging in size from clay through coarse gravel and cobbles is currently being deposited by streams in their channels and along flood plains.

C. Ground Water Geology

1. Supply

Average precipitation in the study area ranges from 42-46" per year, well above the national average of 30". Of the yearly precipitation falling on the area, about 20-22" are evaporated or transpired, leaving 22-24" to recharge the ground water reservoir and provide runoff and base flow for surface streams. Thus, the study area as a whole is provided with an ample supply of both surface and ground water. Water table levels are relatively shallow ranging from 0 to 50-60 feet below the surface depending on local topographic and geologic conditions.

2. Aquifer Descriptions

Ground water in the study area occurs in three different subsurface units: bedrock, glacial till, and stratified unconsolidated deposits. Ground water occurrence depends on porosity (percentage of void space) of the units and movement depends on permeability (relative ease with which the unit can transmit a liquid).

Bedrock

The rocks which underlie the basin are hard and compact. The frequency and distribution of fractures (the only significant source of porosity and permeability in these rocks) are highly variable, but commonly limited to an extent that essentially prohibits any regular large scale withdrawal of ground water.

Glacial Till

The porosity of till deposits may exceed 30 percent, but permeability is low because of the poor sorting and high silt and clay content. These relatively thin deposits provide limited ground water storage potential, and the low lateral permeability results in slow ground water movement. Only limited amounts of water may be withdrawn from till.

Stratified Unconsolidated Deposits

Stratified deposits consisting of very fine sand, silt, and clay have relatively high porosity but low permeability, similar to till. The water table is commonly close to the surface, particularly during the early part of the growing season. Because of these factors, ground water storage potential is limited and lateral water movement is hindered. Fine grained deposits form poor aquifers.

Sand, and sand and gravel stratified deposits have high porosity and relatively high permeability. These deposits commonly occur within the valleys of large streams and their major tributaries. They are also found along abandoned or buried preglacial stream valleys. Some of these deposits form the best aquifers within the area.

IV. SOURCE MATERIAL

A. Bedrock Geology Maps

The available literature concerning the bedrock of eastern Massachusetts dates back to the early nineteenth century. However, the more extensive and exacting mapping of the Massachusetts bedrock really began in the early twentieth century with the publication in 1917 of the Geology of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by E. K. Emerson.

There have been no other studies to date which have mapped the bedrock of the entire study area, although several portions of the area have been investigated and mapped in detail. These other studies, which include U.S. Geological Survey Quadrangle Maps (both published and open file), U. S. Geological Survey Bulletins and Professional Papers, and State reports were used to complement and refine Emerson's work. In addition, several outside sources such as Billings' Geology of New Hampshire, were utilized to provide further data.

Attempts at coordinating and comparing the works of various authors presented some problems. It quickly became apparent that many of the individual geologists who had worked within the study area differed greatly in their interpretations of the age, sequence, structure, and even composition of the various rock units. For instance, it is not unusual to find two or more names applied to the same rock unit, nor is it a rare occurrence to find that several rock units classified and named by a given author have been lumped together by another writer. As may be seen on the following table, recent studies have identified significant differences in the relationships among the bedrock units. Age and structural relations in the study area are now considered to be quite different from those mapped by earlier workers. A summary of the ages, sequences, and names of the bedrock formations used by various authors for rock units is included in Table 1.

	Diabase Dikes
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	<p> Merrimack Group ?includes Oak- dale quartzite & various gneiss & sch </p>		<p> Newbury FM </p>		
	<p> Milford Gra. Dedham Grano- diorite </p>		<p> ?Newburyport Qtz. Dio Salem Gabb Dio ?Marlboro?FM </p>	<p> Braintree Arg Cambrian qtzite </p>	<p> Dedham Gra Cherry Bro Kenda' Vol Westboro F Rice FM </p>
				<p> ?Westwood Gr. ?Dedham Grano- diorite ?Salem Gabbro- diorite </p>	

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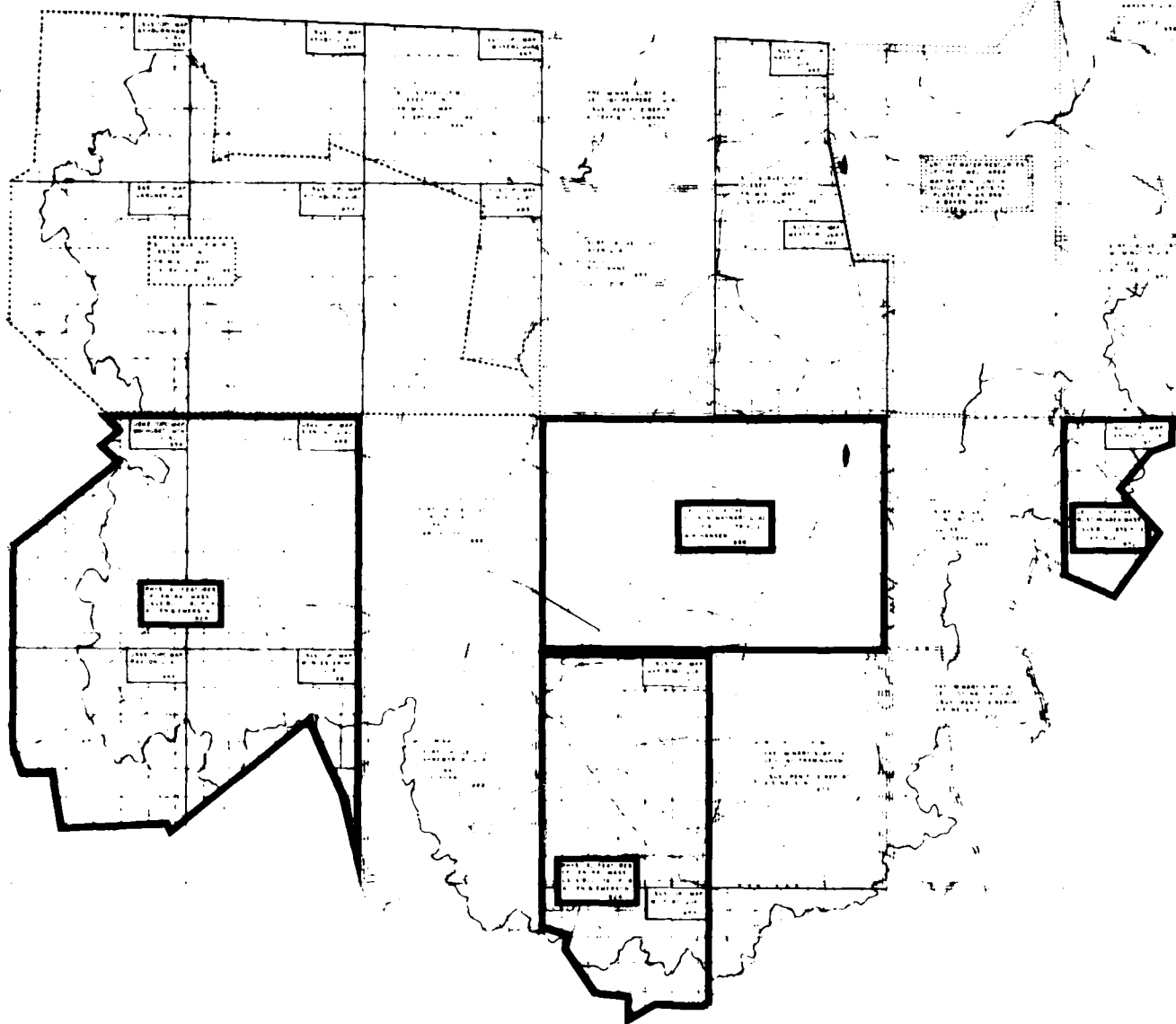
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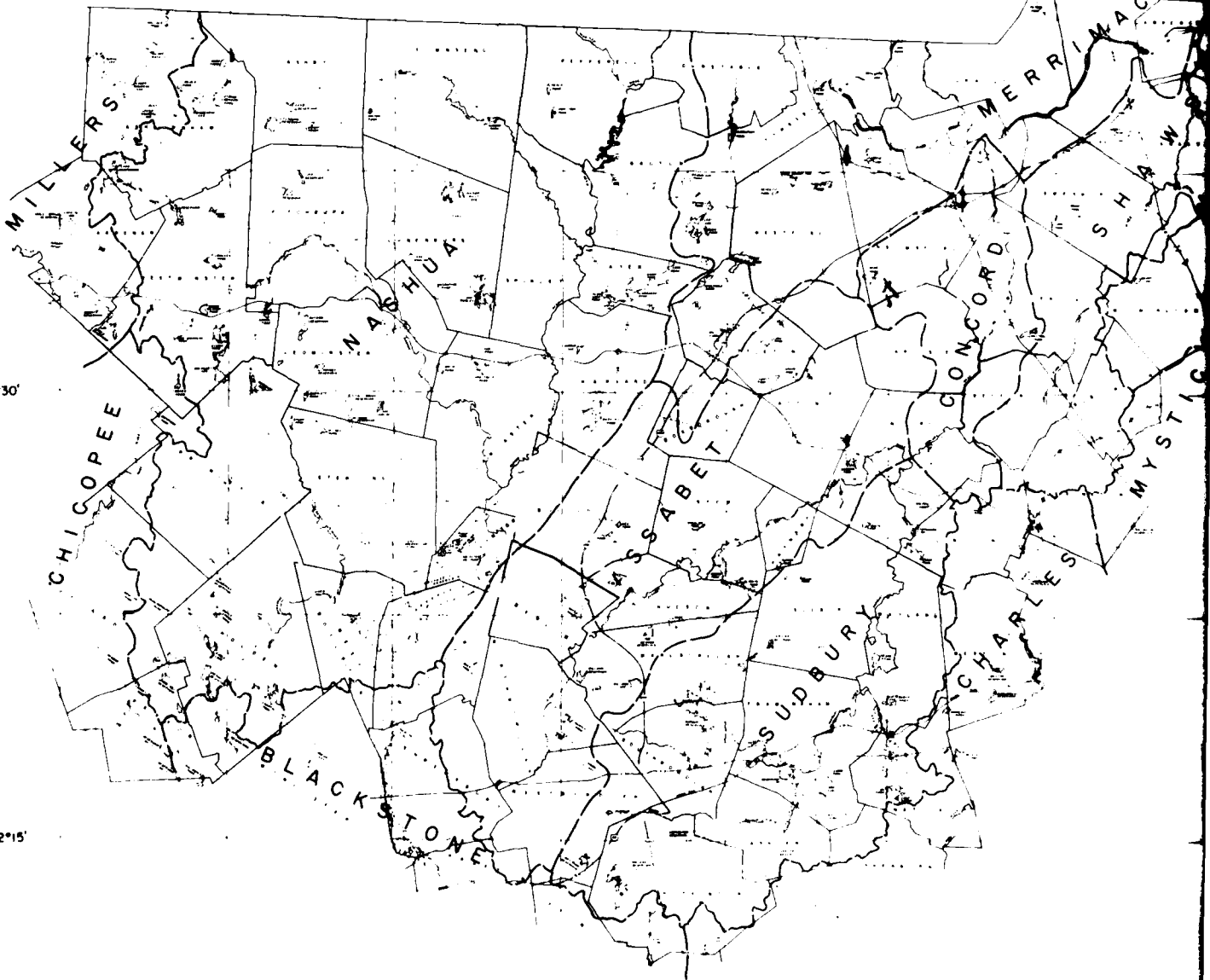
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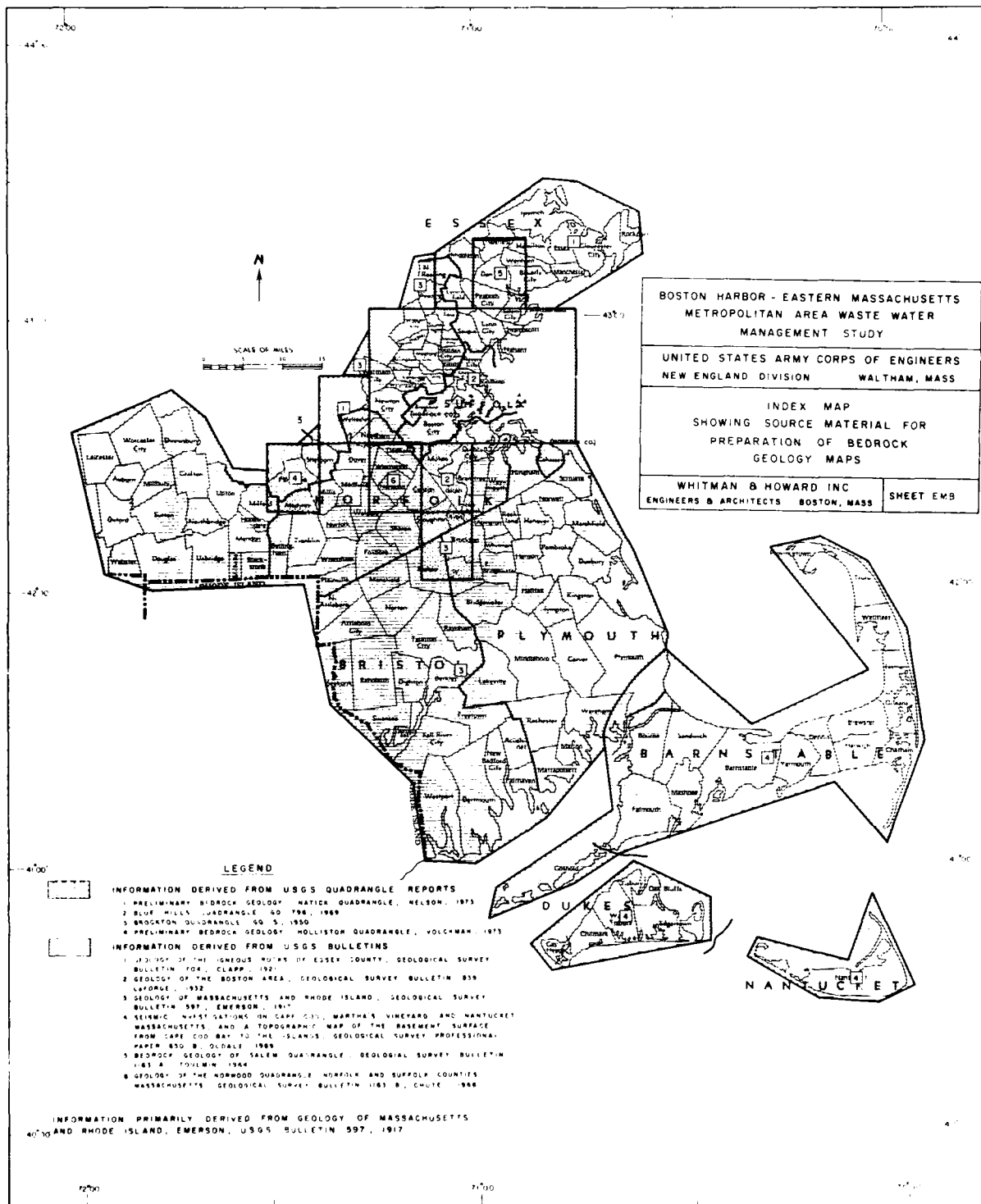
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B. Surficial Geology Maps

The sources of available information from which the surficial geology maps were prepared include: U.S. Geological Survey Quadrangle Maps (GQ Series); Surficial Geology Maps in U.S. Geological Survey and Massachusetts DPW Bulletins; Surficial Geology Maps and "materials" maps in U.S. Geological Survey Water Supply Papers; Soil Maps in U.S. Department of Agriculture Publications and U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Maps (7-1/2 Minute quadrangles). Where applicable, information derived from studies other than described above were incorporated. These included open file reports and The Geography and Geology of the Region Including Cape Cod, the Elizabeth Islands, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, No Man's Land, and Block Island by J.B. Woodworth and E. Wigglesworth.

When available, the maps of the U.S.G.S. Bulletins, Quadrangle Reports and Open File Reports were regarded as the most accurate description of the surficial deposits and were, therefore, used without alteration. The maps contained in the Woodworth and Wigglesworth publication were used to describe those areas of the Cape and the Islands where no U.S.G.S. maps were available. Lastly, where no other source of information was available, the soils of Eastern Massachusetts were grouped together into categories determined by the type of surficial sediment which they most likely overlie. Then, using the various county soils maps and U.S.G.S. topographic maps (for swamp and marsh determination) the surficial deposits were plotted on the base map.

C. Ground Water Geology Maps

Sources of information used in compiling the ground water geology maps of the study area consisted of maps and descriptive material included in: (a) ground water favorability studies by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission; (b) U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Investigations Atlases; and (c) U.S. Geological Survey Open File Reports. Ground water data on file at the Ground Water Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey in Boston, Massachusetts and included in Massachusetts Basic Data Reports was also used.

D. Index Maps

Listings of the specific maps and other source materials used for the various subdivision of the study area are given on the index maps immediately following this section of the report. Sheets I-1, I-2 and I-3 show the bedrock, surficial and ground water source material used to compile the Merrimack Basin part of the study and sheets EMB, EMS, and EMW list the respective source materials used in the Eastern Massachusetts portion of the study.

V. EXPLANATION OF LEGEND AND MAPPING PROCEDURES

A. Bedrock

Considering all the available information, a partial map illustrating the distribution and extent of rock units mapped by modern workers could be prepared. Or, on the other hand, a complete map showing the location and occurrence of rock units for the entire study area could be taken from the early study by Emerson in 1917. It would be impossible to completely reconcile the two contrasting series of data and yet maintain the meaning and intent of either. We have chosen the latter course of action, that being to use Emerson's work as the basis for our mapping. His bedrock units within the study area have been divided into two groups: (1) Igneous Rocks, and (2) Sedimentary and Meta-Sedimentary Rocks. Within these groups, Emerson's descriptions and names have been used for the various rock units he identified and mapped. More recent information has been added to the maps whenever it was sufficiently extensive so as to provide continuity among the mapped units. These data include new names applied to some of Emerson's unnamed formations, additional rock units identified by modern workers in certain areas, and regrouped or "lumped" rock units that today are thought to be similar in composition, age and structural relationships.

The bedrock beneath the area southeast of a line roughly parallel to, and approximately 15 miles northwest of, the Cape Cod Canal including the Cape itself, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and the smaller islands of Nantucket Sound is overlain by such thick surficial deposits that few wells have encountered bedrock. For this reason, little is known about the nature of the underlying rock. Where wells have penetrated the overlying cover and have reached bedrock, they have been plotted and the depth to bedrock (in feet below sea level) has been recorded. Interpretation of the cuttings has been recorded on the map for those wells for which there was available data. Otherwise, this area, which appears on sheet EMB-3 has been shown with contour lines indicating depth to bedrock in feet below sea level. These contours were largely taken from the seismic study of Cape Cod and the Islands published by R.N. Oldale in 1969. They have, however, been re-drawn where shown to be inaccurate near the presently existing well sites.

B. Surficial Geology

The several source materials used in the preparation of the surficial maps varied both in the manner and the intent for which they were written. In some of the sources, the deposits were classified on lithology alone, in others the classification tended to be based on morphological characteristics (e.g. kame terraces and outwash plains) and in still others the classification was more genetic such as various lake stages or formational units. For purposes of this report, a classification system was developed which could incorporate and be compatible with all of the available data.

The surficial deposits of the area were divided into two primary groups: (a) coarse grained sediments and (b) fine grained and/or organic sediments. This distinction, while primarily based on grain size, also incorporates such closely-related properties as dry unit weight, water content, plasticity, porosity and consolidation. Each of the two primary groups was then subdivided into four categories on the basis of origin. Table 2 lists the various deposit classifications, the map symbols assigned for each, some comments regarding the origin and lithologic materials description of each category, and a list of representative land forms exhibited by each of the deposits.

Some of the deposits in the eastern Massachusetts area are quite small in areal size and thus are difficult to recognize on the maps of that part of the study area. For this reason they are assigned letter as well as pictorial symbols. The scale used in the eastern Massachusetts part of the study also required that the fine grained and/or organic soils be subdivided into two categories rather than the four categories used in the Merrimack study. Areas shown on the maps of the eastern Massachusetts portion of the study area by crosshatching represent glaciolacustrine and glaciomarine fine grained sediments. The former, consisting chiefly of glacial lake bottom sediments, are further designated by the letter Qlf and the latter, designated by Qmf, are the fine grained marine deposits of the once offshore marine terraces and plains.

The solid black symbol represents the organic deposits with the salt water organics distinguished from the freshwater organics by the symbols Qom and Qof respectively. Since most of the organic deposits were of freshwater origin, only those areas where there may be doubt were given the aforementioned distinguishing letter symbols, otherwise any solid black area is to be considered as a freshwater organic deposit. Generally, the freshwater deposits are found in old lake basins, cutoff river meanders, kettle holes or dammed off glacial valleys, whereas the marine organics are found near river mouths, along estuaries and in tidal flats and marshes.

One other type of deposit occurs only within the metropolitan Boston area of sheet EMS-1 in large enough extent to be mapped. This is the artificial fill that has built up over the past three hundred years, and upon which much of Boston, Cambridge, and Chelsea is built. This artificial fill is represented by the "patchwork quilting" type symbol directly below the standard legend on Map EMS-1.

Table 3 describes the engineering characteristics of the aforementioned eight types of surficial sediments. The information shown here was taken from the Engineering Geology of the Northeast Corridor, Washington, D.C., to Boston, Massachusetts, Coastal Plain and Surficial Geology, 1967, U.S.G.S. Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-514-B, Sheet 7.

C. Ground Water Geology

Due to marked differences in availability and content of source material, the Merrimack and eastern Massachusetts portions of the study area were treated differently with respect to evaluation of ground water favorability. Index maps I-3 and EMW list the source materials and well illustrate the contrast between the abundance of data available for the eastern Massachusetts report and the relatively small amount of material which has been completed in the Merrimack Basin. One further point which will help in the interpretation of the ground water favorability categories formulated for both parts of the study area is the fact that much of the analysis in the Merrimack area was based on data gathered from private small yield wells while yields from municipal and other large wells made up a large part of the data used to draw up favorability maps for the eastern Massachusetts area.

Merrimack Basin

With the exception of a ground water favorability map of the Assabet Basin, little comprehensive data regarding ground water occurrence in the Merrimack River Basin in Massachusetts has been compiled and published. It was necessary, therefore, to employ the closely corresponding relationship between the surficial and ground water geology characteristics evidenced in areas which had been mapped for both and then extrapolate that relationship in other parts of the basin for which only the surficial geology is mapped. Complemented by some local data and some ground water geology maps of adjoining basins, the extrapolation was used as the means to formulate ground water favorability maps of the Merrimack Basin. The patterns shown on the maps must be considered reconnaissance estimates everywhere except in the Assabet basin.

The same ground water favorability categories used by the U.S. Geological Survey in their study of the Assabet Basin were also used in this study of the entire Massachusetts portion of the Merrimack Basin. These categories are:

a. Areas where most wells will yield less than 25 gallons per minute. The aquifer consists of poorly permeable material, chiefly till and bedrock, but also includes some areas of sand and gravel, the saturated thickness of which is generally less than 25 feet. This category is unfavorable for the development of ground water supplies. The unfavorable areas are shown in sheet W as having no pattern other than surficial geology pattern.

b. Areas where yields from properly constructed wells may range from 25 to 75 gallons per minute (also includes some areas whose ground water potential is unknown). In these areas the aquifers consists of sand and gravel, the saturated thickness of which generally is greater than 25 feet. This category is favorable for development of moderate ground water supplies. These areas are shown as a pattern of closely-spaced stippling over the surficial geological map units.

TABLE 2

SUMMARY OF MATERIALS USED
on
SURFICIAL GEOLOGY MAPS




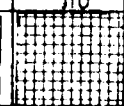


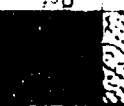



SYMBOL used on PLANS	DEPOSITS	ORIGIN (Transportational and/or Depositional Agent)	REPRESENTATIVE LAND FORMS	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
    	Glacio-fluvial Glacio-lacustrine (stratified drift; outwash and ice contact)	via Glacial streams	Outwash Plains, Kame Terraces, Kames, Eskers, Crevasse Fillings; Kame deltas, Esker deltas	SANDS or SANDS & GRAVELS; Silt and/or Clay portions usually minor - may include cobbles--stratified, moderate to well sorted.
	Glacio-marine Dune deposits	Reworked glacial & stream deposits--via tidal action, currents; wind blown	Marine terraces, Marine plains, Dunes, Beaches, Bars	primarily fine or fine to medium SANDS well sorted - often stratified and cross-bedded.
	Fluvium & River Terrace deposits	via Recent rivers and streams	Flood plains, Alluvial terraces, Alluvial flats, Alluvial fans, stream terraces	SAND, SILT, with minor amounts of Gravel and/or Clay - poorly to moderately sorted and stratified.
	Glacial Till (non-stratified drift deposits)	Subglacial, Superglacial (Lodgement & Ablation), Flow till	Ground Moraine, End Moraine, Drumlins, Slumped/Flow structures	Silty or Clayey SANDS & GRAVELS with cobbles and boulders - generally dense, non-stratified, unsorted mixture; locally variable.
	Glacio-lacustrine (stratified drift)	via Glacial streams into glacial lake bottoms	Lake basins, Lake beds	SILTS, Clayey SILTS, Silty SANDS, varved Silts and Clays
    	Glacio-Marine	via Glacial streams into offshore marine environment	Marine plains, marine terraces	Silty CLAYS, SILTS and CLAYS, SILTS, Silty fine SANDS.
	Fresh water Organic deposits	Eutrophication of ponds, lakes, etc	Kettle holes, moraine depressions, lake basins, river meanders	PEATS, Sandy PEATS, Silty PEATS, Organic Sands or Silts, Muck
	Marine Organic deposits	Accumulation of organic detritus associated with the flooding of coastal plains	Estuaries, tidal marsh and mud flats, river mouths	ORGANIC SILTS, Clayey Organic Silts, Organic Sands, Marsh Mats, Muck

TABLE 3 ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS OF SURFICIAL DEPOSITS

Map Unit	Foundation Conditions ¹	Excavation Characteristics	Slope Stability ²
Qsc	Bearing capacity of sand and gravel fair to good; of silt and clay, less. Local artesian water pressure reduces bearing values. Vibratory loading on sand may cause settlement.	Easy to excavate by power equipment; in valleys of tidal rivers may be excavated by dredge.	Excavations below water table require support.
Qmc	Bearing capacity poor to fair; improved by vibration.	Easy to excavate with power equipment. Beach sand to dredge.	Cut slopes stable to angle of repose; steeper slopes need lagging because sand is free running when dry; readily flows into excavations below water table.
Qal	Bearing capacity poor to fair in sandy alluvium; very poor to poor on silt, clay. Structures founded over small lenses of sand possible clay or silt settle unevenly. Water table shallow. Compressibility and expansion negligible except in thick organic deposits.	Easy to excavate by power equipment; in rivers may be excavated by dredge.	Excavations below water table require support.
Qtc	Bearing capacity generally good because of high density and poor sorting. Expansion negligible.	Generally easy to redredate difficult to excavate with power equipment. Highly compacted till ("hardpan"), and very strong and bouldery till can be troublesome to excavate without special equipment.	Cuts higher than 40 ft. generally require individual stability analysis. For lower slopes, 1 1/2 on 1 to 2 on 1 generally considered safe. Vertical slopes up to 15 ft. common, particularly in more cohesive clayey till.

Map Unit	Foundation Conditions ¹	Excavation Characteristics	Slope Stability ²
Qlf, Qmf	Bearing capacity generally poor. Where oxidized and preconsolidated, capacity fair. When confined and loaded, pore-water pressure increases and shearing strength decreases. Where saturated, dewatering may cause consolidation over large area. Compressibility high to low; expansion negligible to moderate.	Easy to excavate; wet conditions hamper construction equipment. "Quick" reaction to vibration in silt.	Generally unstable except in shallow dewatered cuts with gentle slopes. Support usually required. Clay is somewhat fissured and may fail along vertical joints. Sensitivity low.
Qof, Qom	Bearing capacity very poor. Compressibility high.	Easy to excavate by dredge or dragline.	Unstable; flows readily into underwater excavations.

¹Bearing capacity - numerical values (tons per square foot) applied to qualifying adjectives:

Very poor	less than 1	Vertical	90
Poor	1-4	Near vertical	80-89
Fair	4-11	Steep	45-80
Good	12-32	Moderate	30-45
Excellent	greater than 32	Gentle	0-30

²Cut slopes - numerical values, in degrees, applied to qualifying adjectives:

Compressibility - volume decrease in a soil mass in response to an external load.
Expansion - volume increase that is a function of load, time, density, water content, and type of clay minerals.

c. Areas most favorable for the location of wells that may yield more than 75 gallons per minute. This unit generally consists of sand and gravel, the saturated thickness of which is greater than 25 feet. Although yields from wells in these areas may, in places, range as high as 500 gallons per minute, the most common safe yield from properly constructed wells is probably in the 100 to 150 gallons per minute range. This category is favorable for development of moderate to large volumes of ground water. These areas, which are shown in sheet W by the large dot stipplings, are considered the least completely mapped outside the Assabet, particularly along river channels and in towns where water supply data is not readily available.

Eastern Massachusetts

The legend produced for this study of the favorability of ground water is based on U.S.G.S. mapping legends which describe the aquifers and the potential ground water yields that can be expected from those aquifers in this area. This study defines three categories of aquifers and the expected yields to be obtained from them. The three categories are:

a. Favorable for development of moderate to large volumes of ground water; saturated thickness generally larger than 40 feet; generally capable of yielding more than 300 gpm.

b. Favorable for development of low to moderate volumes of ground water; saturated thickness generally from 20 to 40 feet; generally capable of yields from 100 to 300 gpm.

c. Favorable for development of low volumes of ground water; saturated thickness generally less than 20 feet; generally capable of yields from 0 to 100 gpm with the lowest yields in till.

This legend should be interpreted as a qualitative description of ground water favorabilities. Not all the areas have quantitative data in the form of actual well yields.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

A report of the geology of eastern Massachusetts was compiled from existing literature. This study is a summary of two more detailed studies which deal with: (a) the geology of the Massachusetts portion of the Merrimack Basin and (b) the geology of Massachusetts east of longitude 71°, 52', 30" W, excluding the Merrimack Basin. These reports are on file at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NED, Waltham, Massachusetts.

The bedrock, surficial and ground water geology of the study area is discussed along with the source material from which this information was derived. Maps illustrating the bedrock, surficial and ground water geology for the Merrimack and eastern Massachusetts portions of the study were prepared and printed with this report.

Index maps showing the various specific references used for various locations within the study area are included in this summary along with a selected bibliography listing published and unpublished source material.

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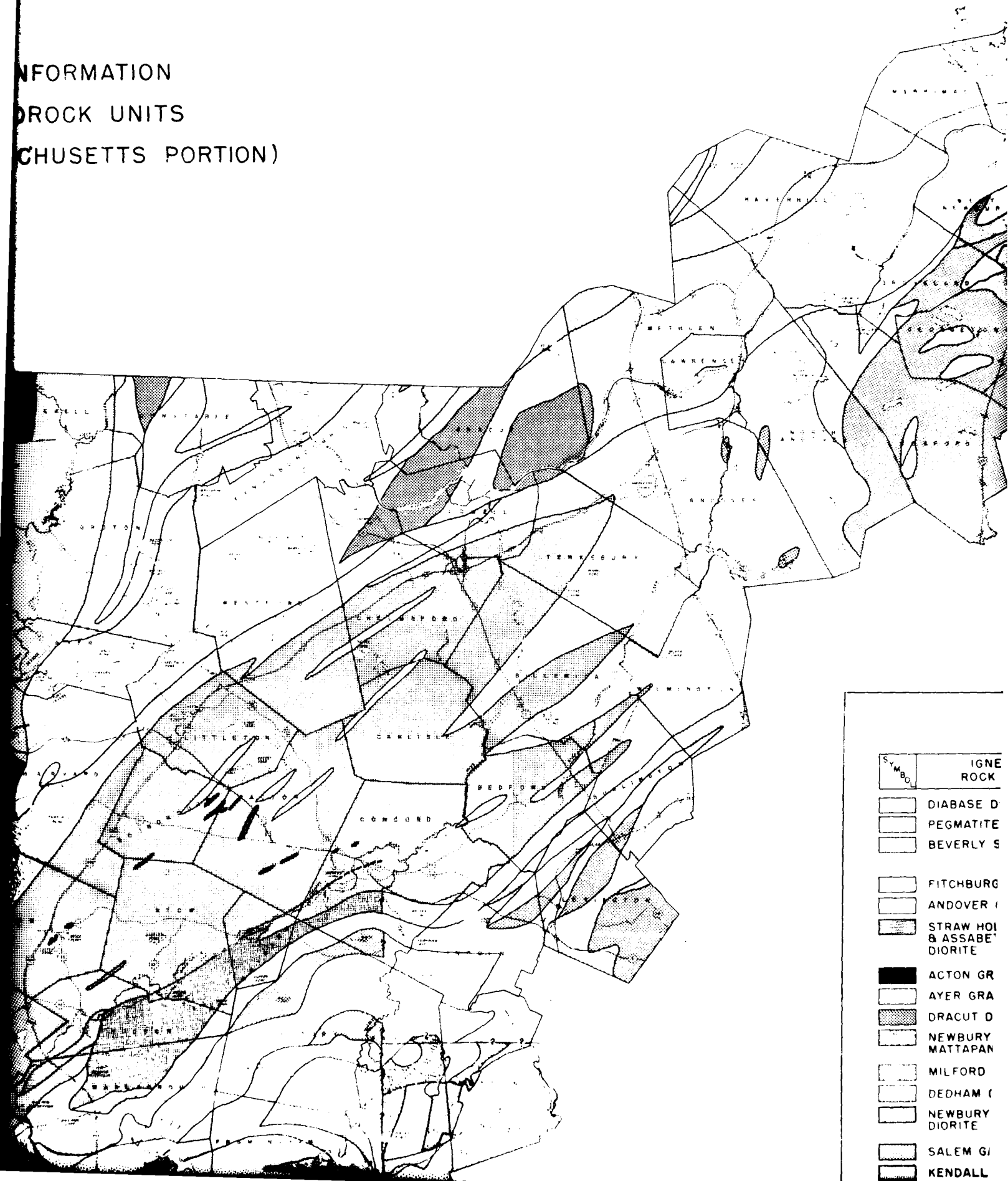
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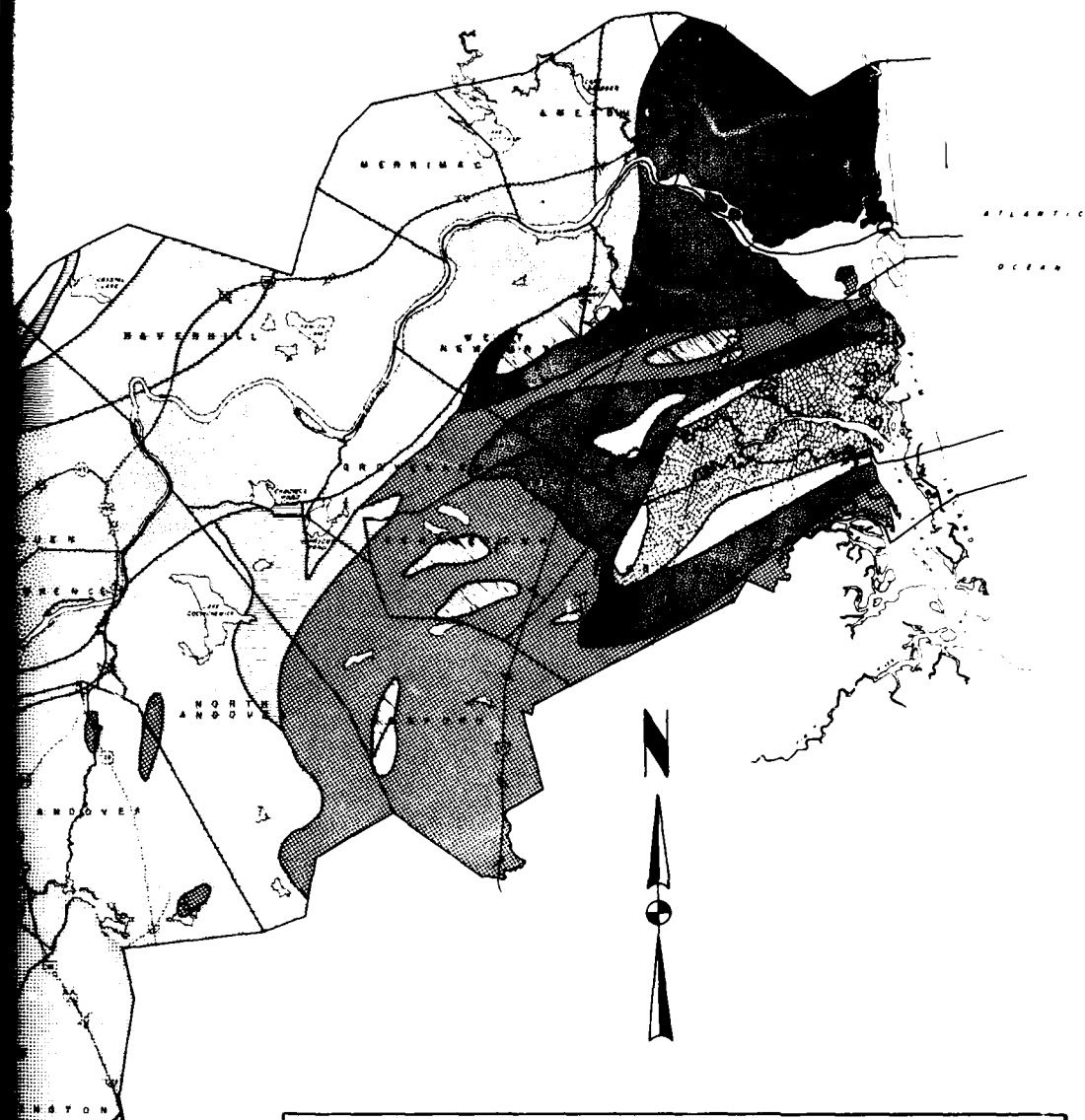
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INFORMATION
ROCK UNITS
(CHUSETTS PORTION)





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SYMBOL	IGNEOUS ROCK UNITS	SEDIMENTARY META-SEDIMENTARY ROCK UNITS	SYMBOL
	DIABASE DIKES	GNEISSES & SCHISTS (TO OTHER FORMATIONS OR GROUPS)	
	PEGMATITE BODIES	HUBBARDSTON GRANITE with inclusions of BRIM- FIELD SCHIST (BRIMFIELD- WARE) OR PAXTON QUARTZ SCHIST	
	BEVERLY SYENITE	<u>BOSTON GROUP</u>	
	FITCHBURG GRANITE	CAMBRIDGE SLATE	
	ANDOVER GRANITE	ROXBURY CONGLOMER- ATE	
	STRAW HOLLOW DIORITE & ASSABET QUARTZ DIORITE	GOSPEL HILL GNEISS	
	ACTON GRANITE	NASHOBA FORMATION	
	AYER GRANITE	BOYLSTON SCHIST	
	DRACUT DIORITE	<u>WORCESTER FORMATION</u>	
	NEWBURY AND MATTAPAN VOLCANICS	BRIMFIELD SCHIST	
	MILFORD GRANITE	WORCESTER PHYLLITE	
	DEDHAM GRANODIORITE	HARVARD CONGLOMER- ATE	
	NEWBURYPORT QUARTZ DIORITE	PAXTON QUARTZ SCHIST	
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	KENDALL VOLCANICS	OAKDALE QUARTZITE	
	PROBABLE FAULT	MERRIMAC QUARTZITE	
	BODY OF WATER (RIVERS, LAKES, PONDS, ETC.)	CHERRY BROOK FORMATION	
		MARLBORO FORMATION	
		WESTBORO QUARTZITE	
		RICE FORMATION	

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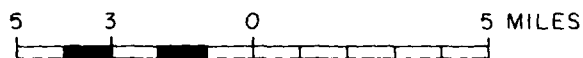
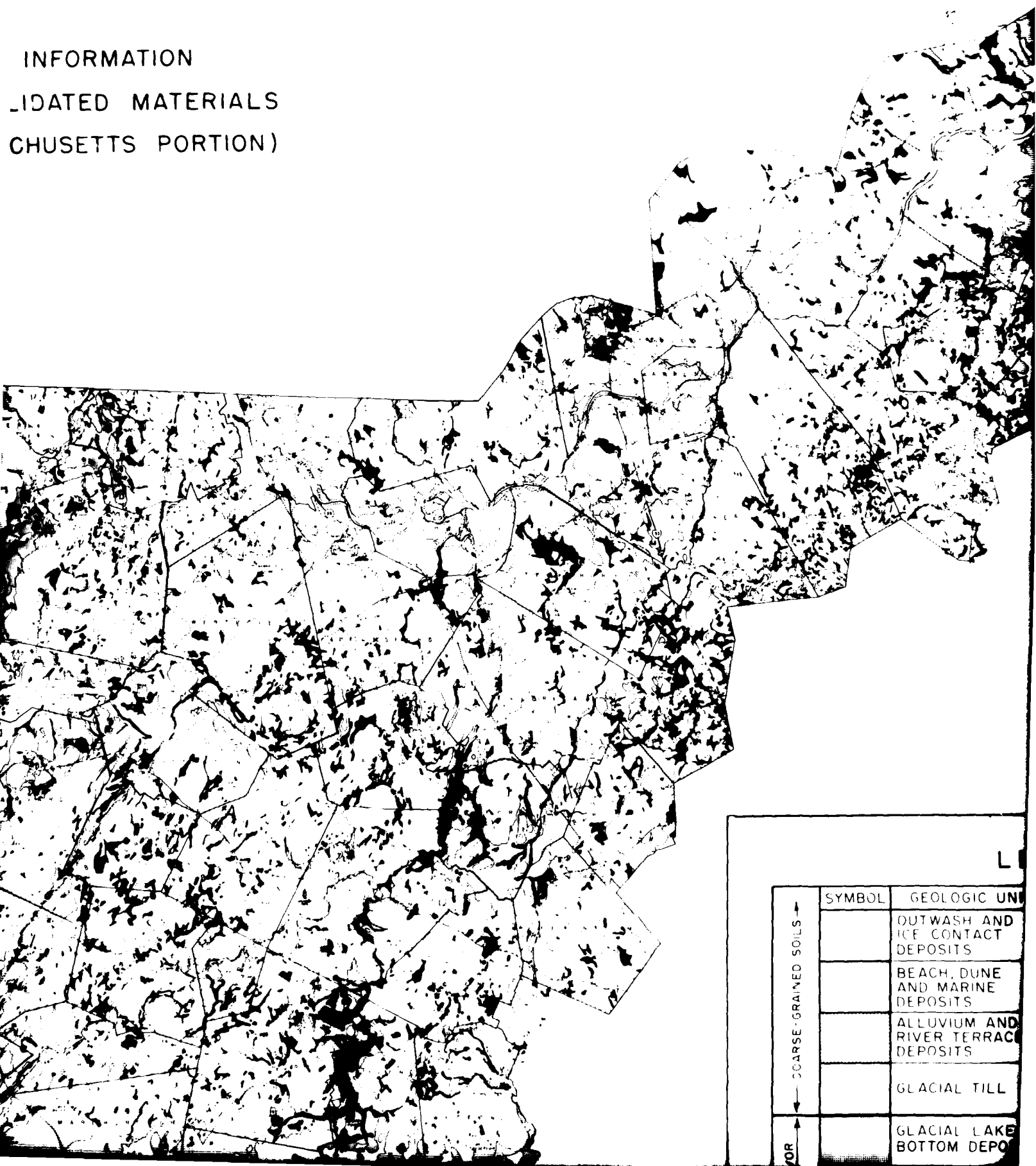


FIGURE B

A SUMMARY OF THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION
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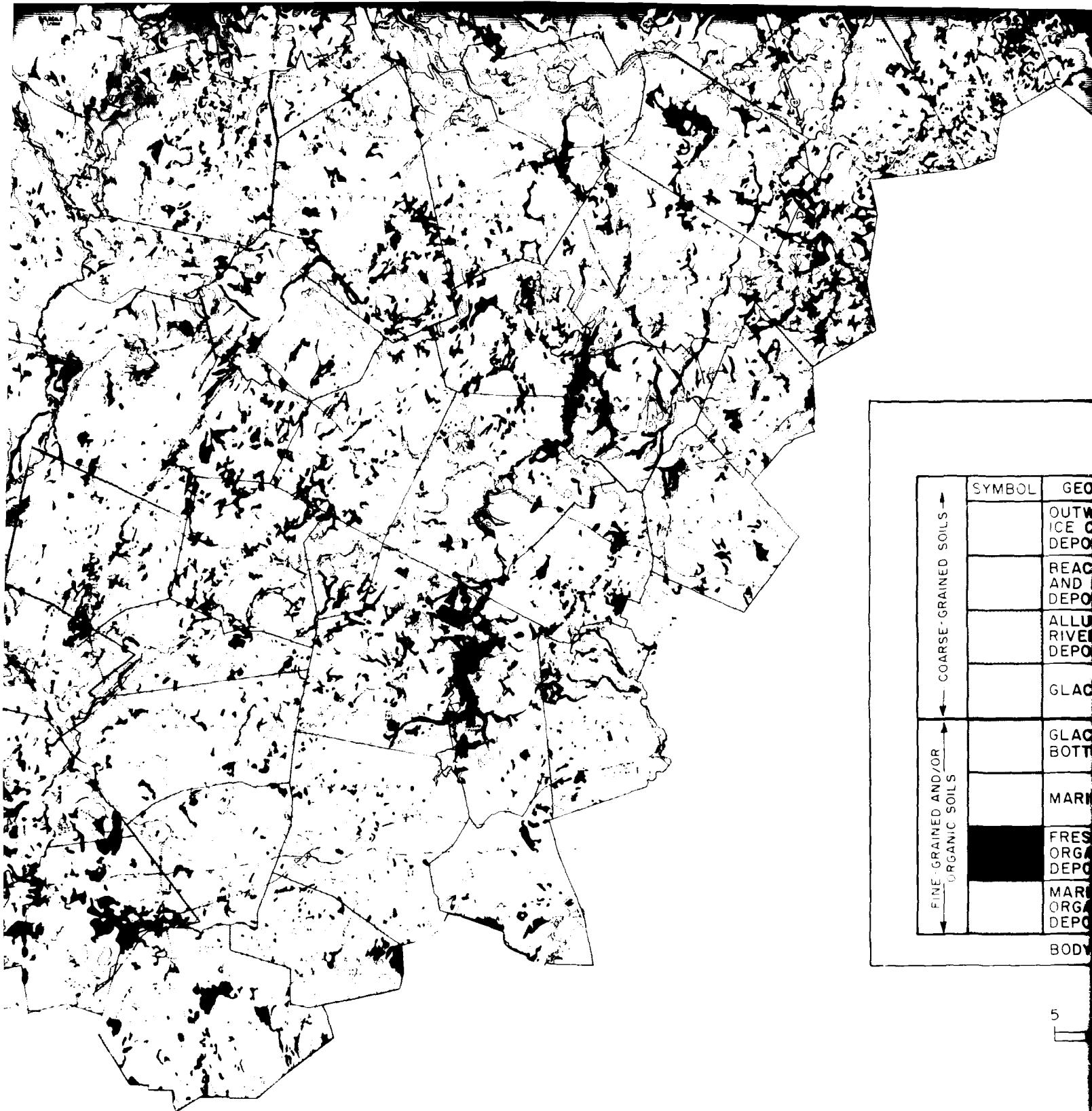
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FOR ↑ COARSE-GRAINED SOILS ↓	SYMBOL	GEOLOGIC UNIT
		OUTWASH AND ICE CONTACT DEPOSITS
		BEACH, DUNE AND MARINE DEPOSITS
		ALLUVIUM AND RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS
		GLACIAL TILL
		GLACIAL LAKE BOTTOM DEPOSITS



LEGEND

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		OUTWASH AND ICE CONTACT DEPOSITS	SANDS or SANDS and GRAVELS Silt and/or clay portions usually minor - stratified and sorted
		BEACH, DUNE AND MARINE DEPOSITS	Fine or Fine to medium SANDS well sorted - often stratified and cross bedded
		ALLUVIUM AND RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS	SAND, SILT with minor amounts of Gravel, Clay and/or Organics - poorly to moderately sorted and stratified
		GLACIAL TILL	Silty or Clayey SAND and GRAVEL with Cobbles and boulders - dense, non-stratified unsorted mixture
		GLACIAL LAKE BOTTOM DEPOSITS	SILTS, Clayey SILTS, Silty SANDS, Varved Silts and Clays





COARSE-GRAINED SOILS	SYMBOL	GEO
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		ALLU RIVER DEPO
FINE-GRAINED AND/OR ORGANIC SOILS		GLAC
		GLAC BOT
		MAR
		FRES ORGA DEPO
		MAR ORGA DEPO

BODY



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	MARINE DEPOSITS	Silty CLAYS, SILTS and CLAYS SILTS, Silty fine SANDS
	FRESH-WATER ORGANIC DEPOSITS	PEATS, Sandy PEATS, Silty PEATS, Organic Sands and Silts, "MUCK"
	MARINE ORGANIC DEPOSITS	ORGANIC SILT, Clayey Organic Silts, Organic Sands Marsh Mats, "Ooze"

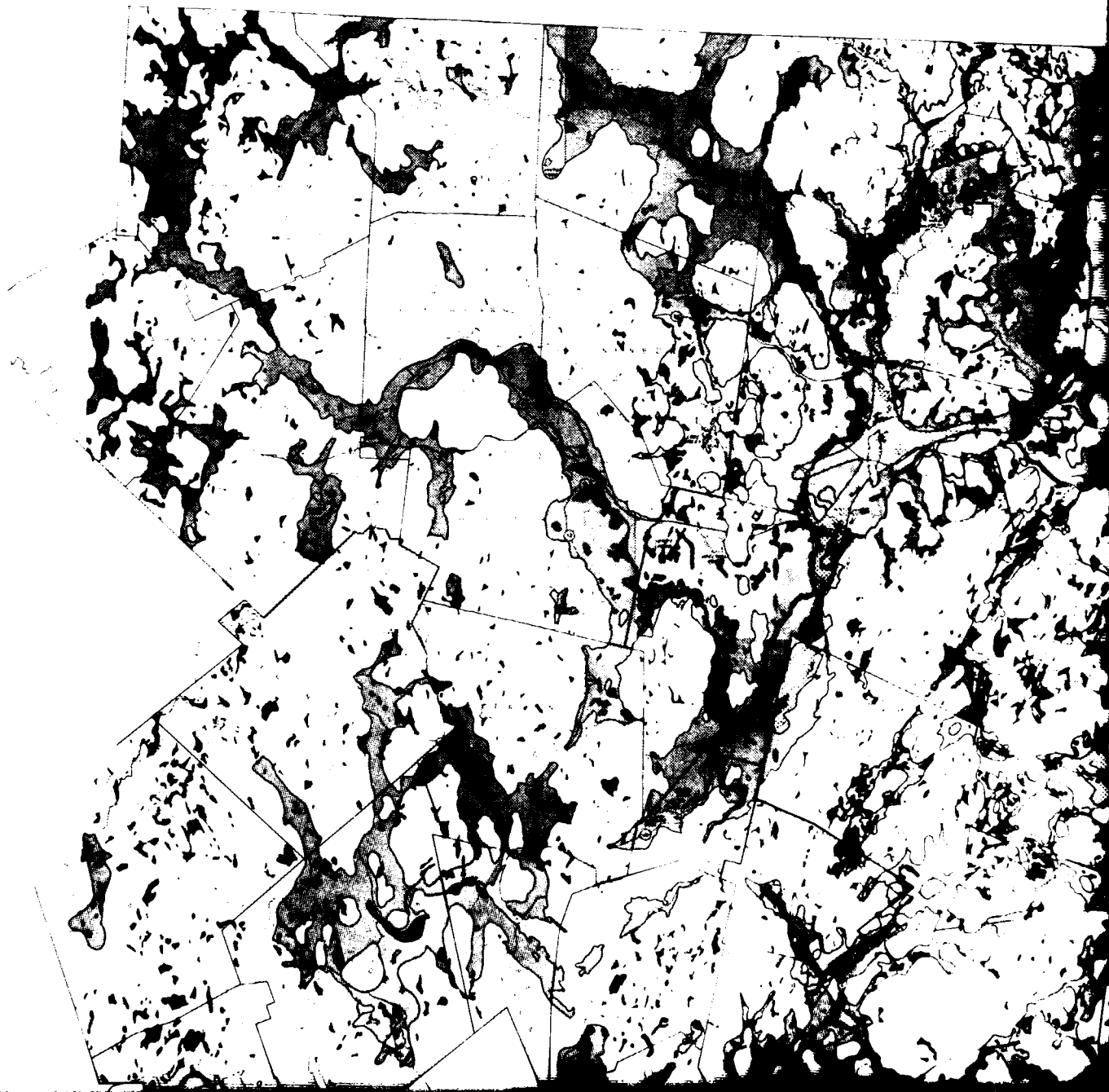
BODY OF WATER (Rivers, Lakes, Ponds, etc.)

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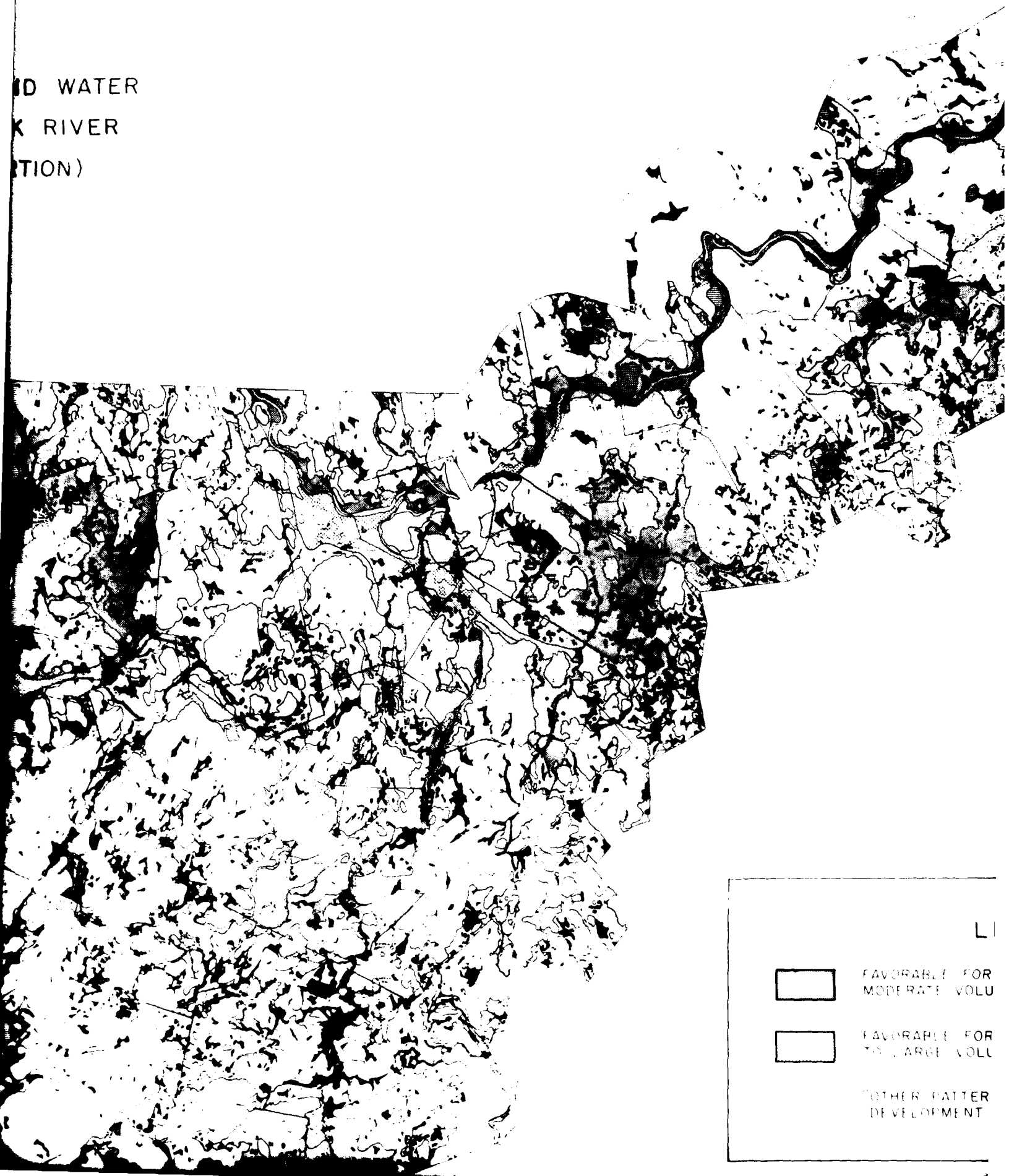


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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF GROUND WATER
FAVORABILITY IN THE MERRIMACK RIVER
BASIN (MASSACHUSETTS PORTION)



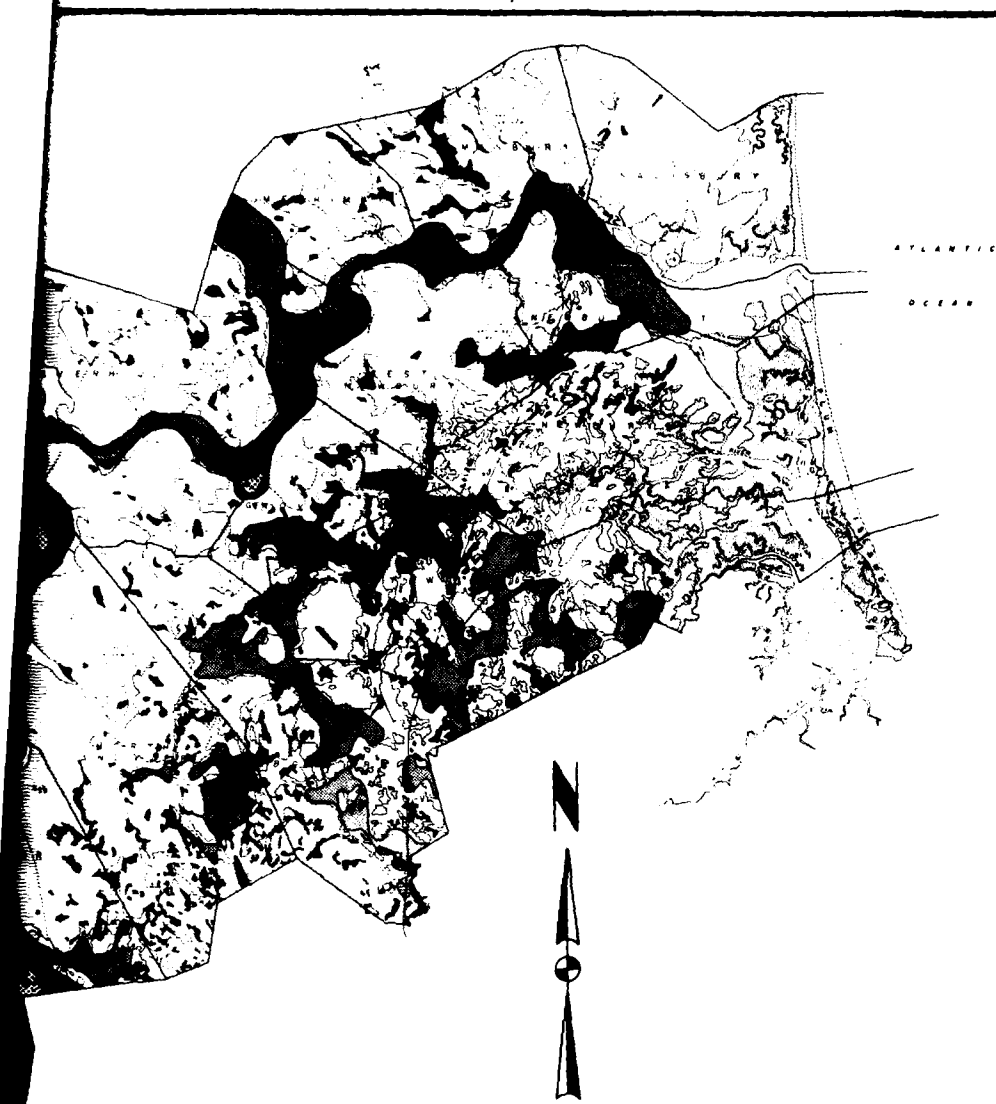
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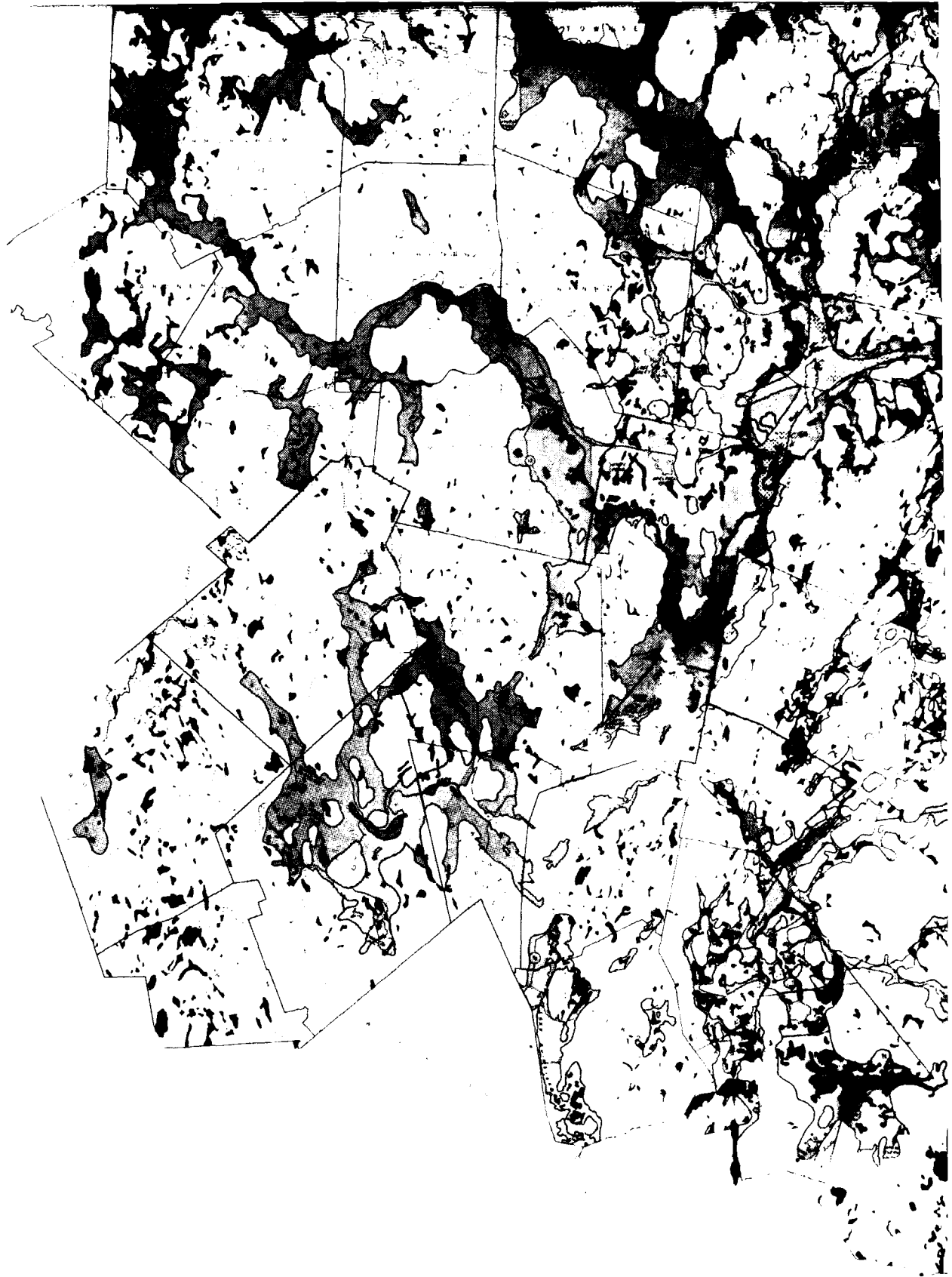


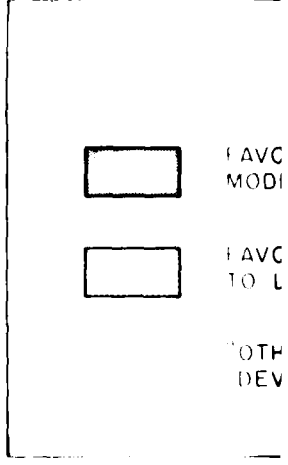
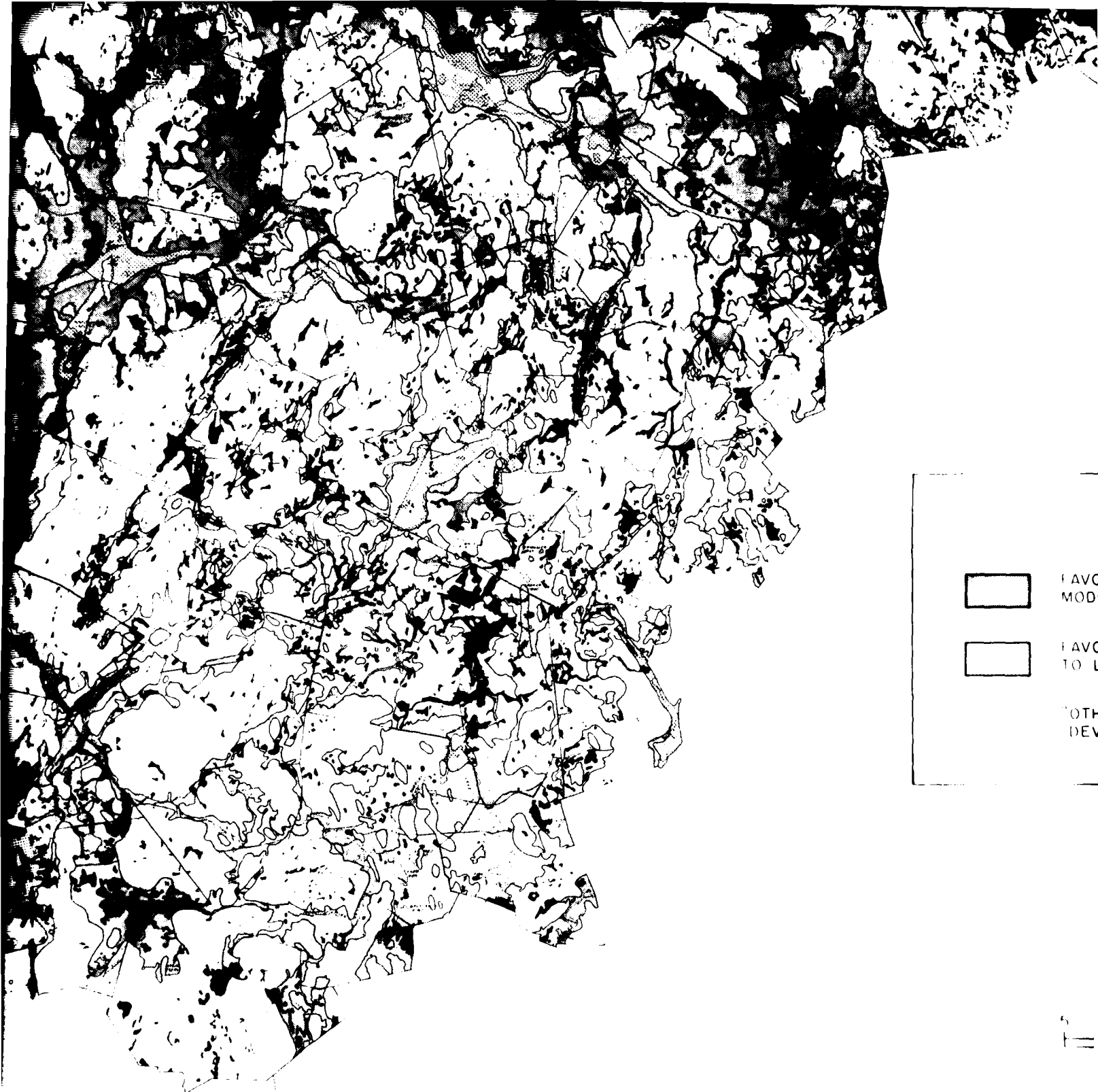
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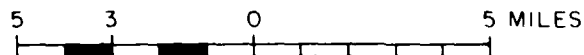


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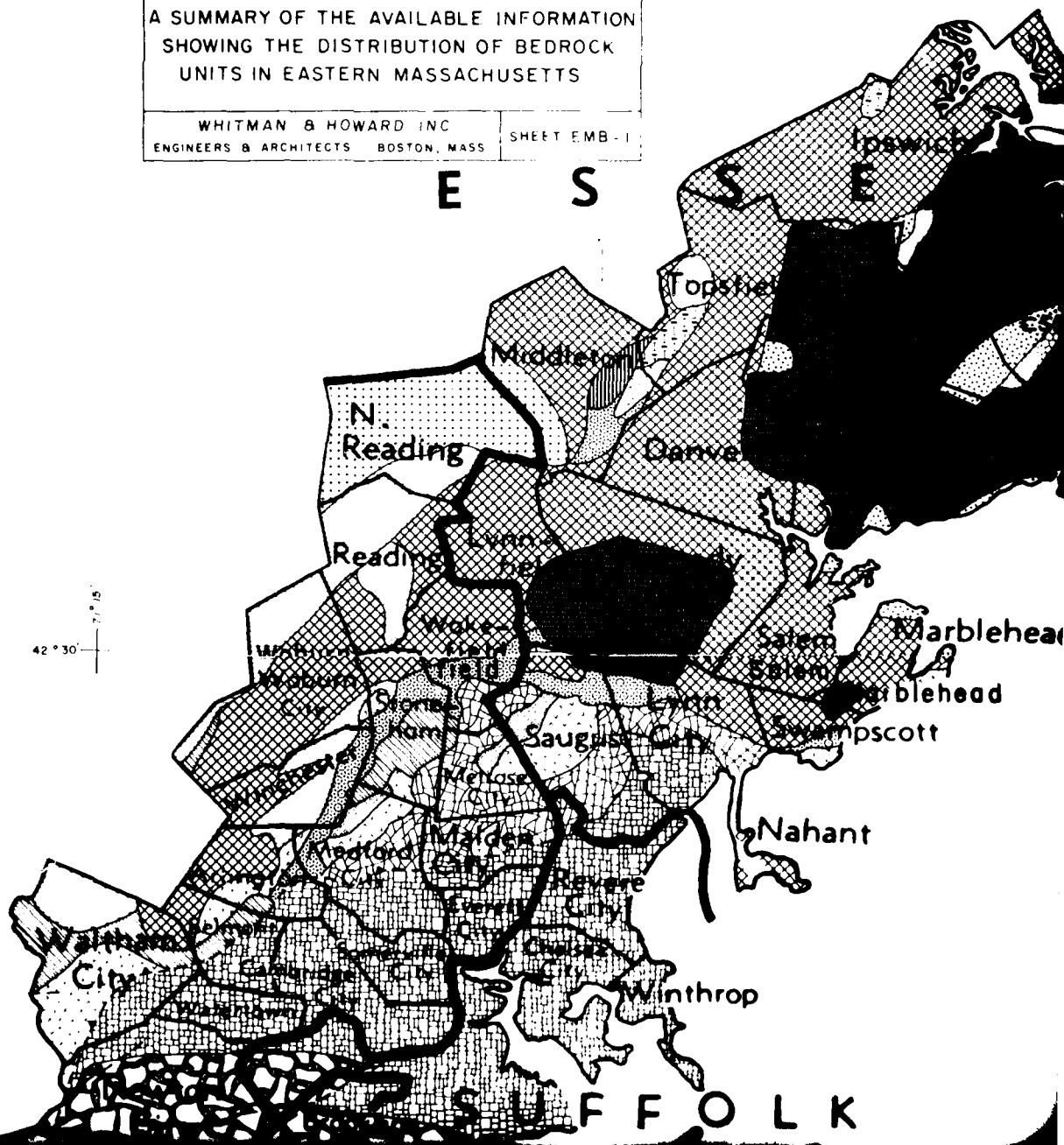
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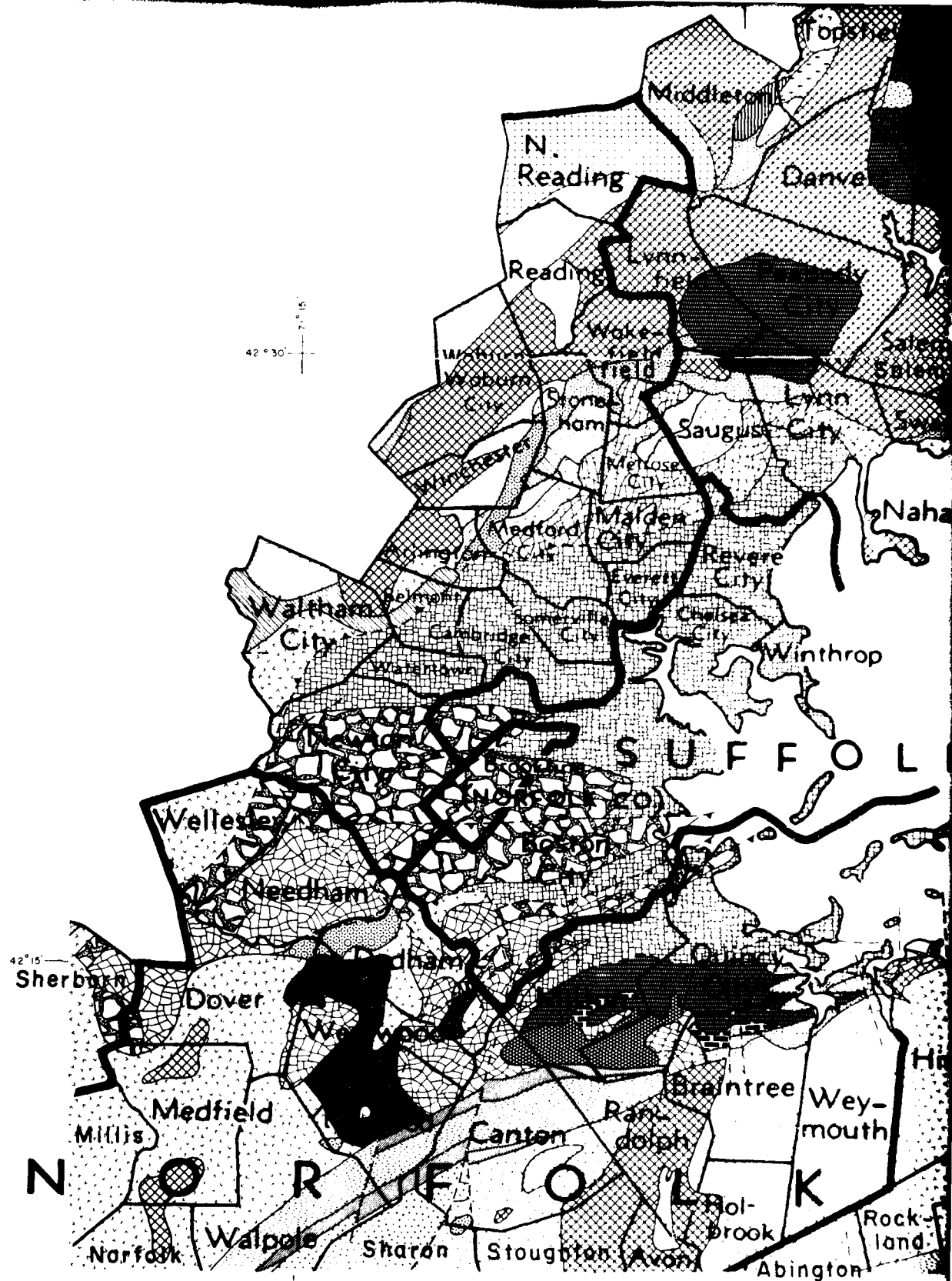
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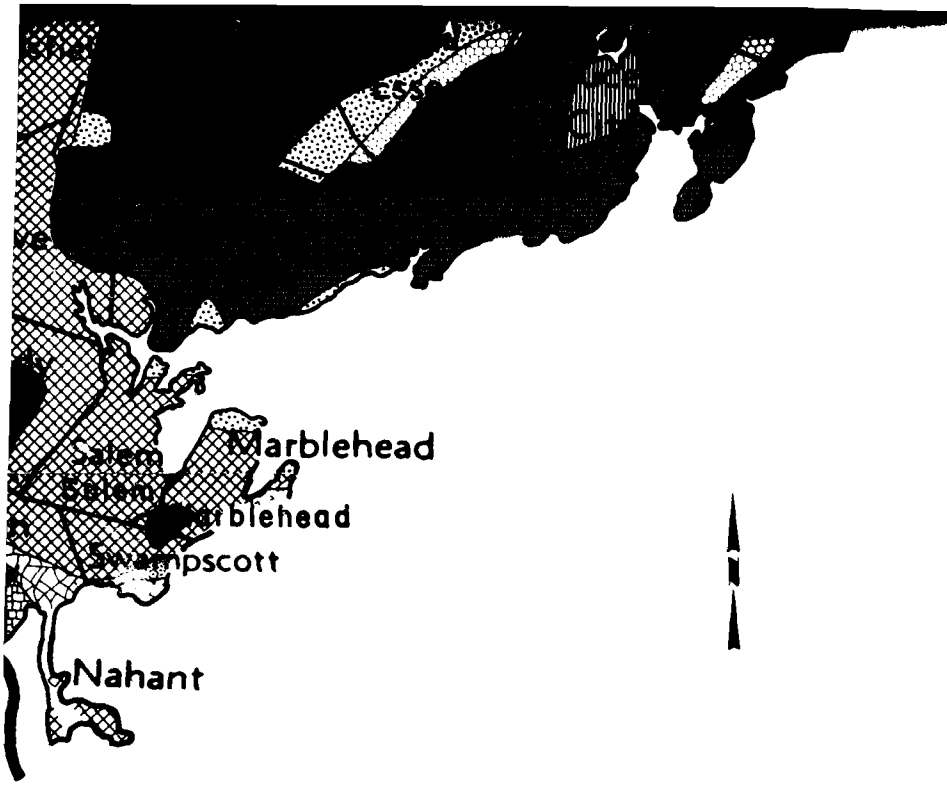
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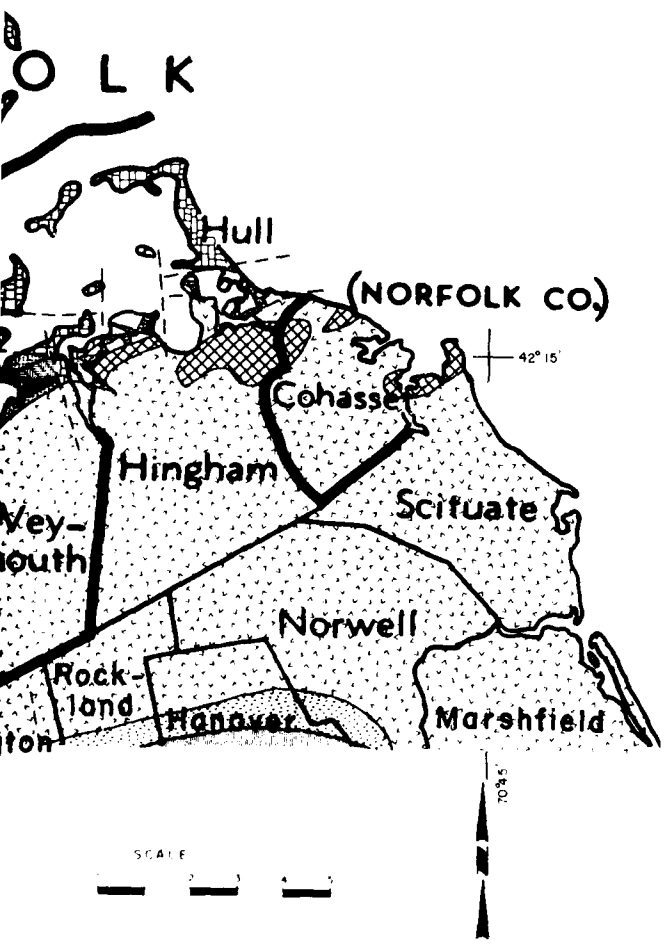




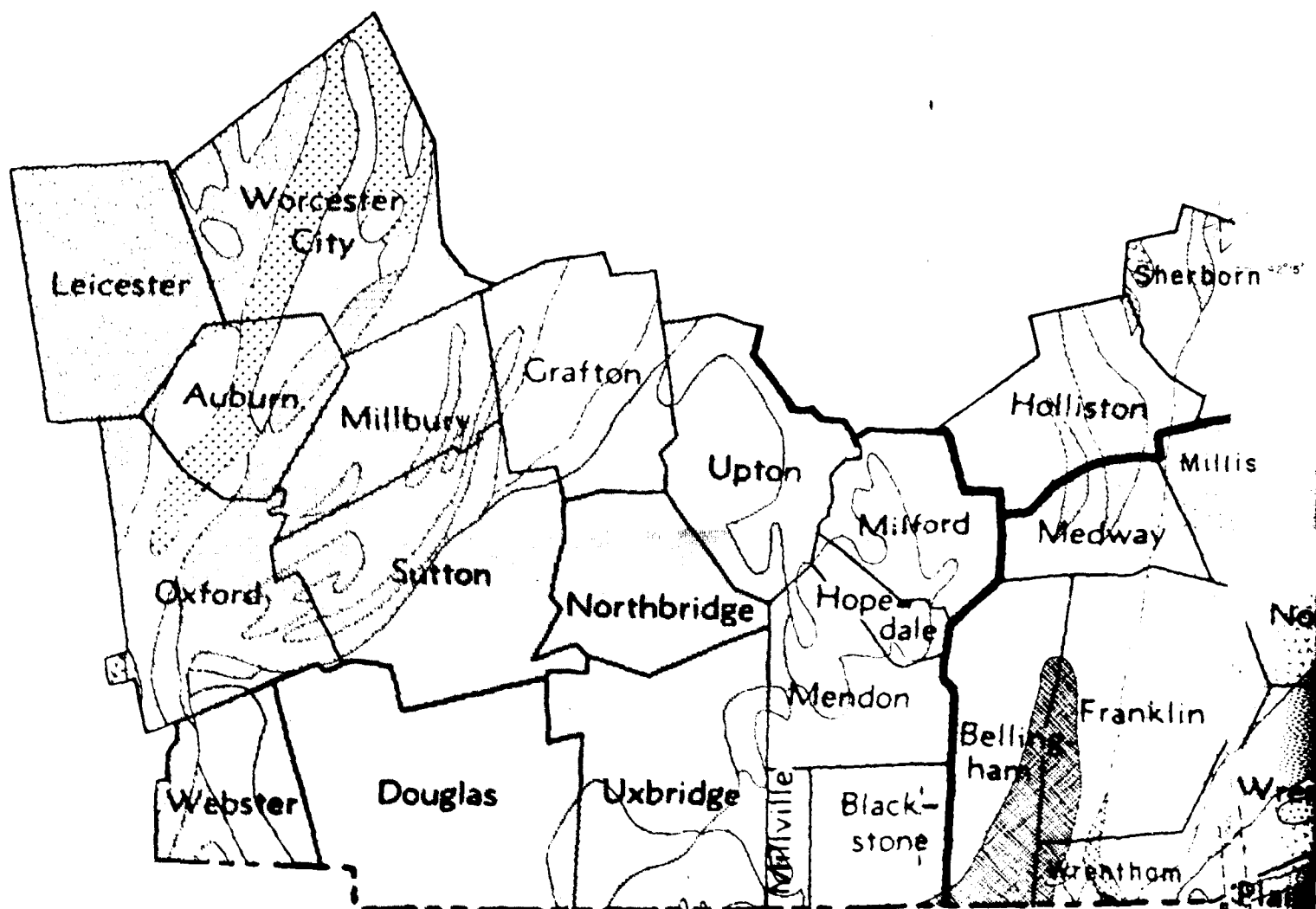


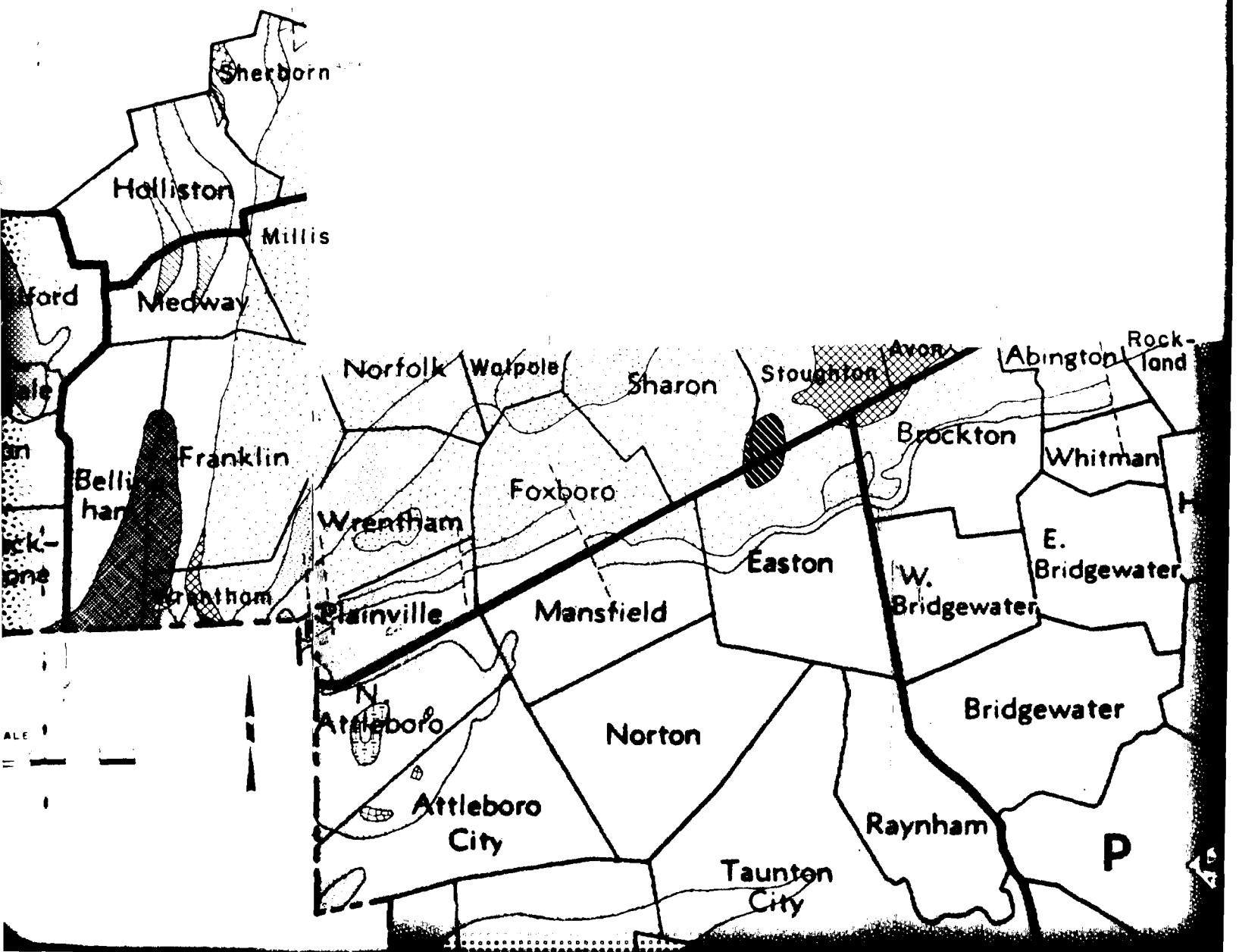
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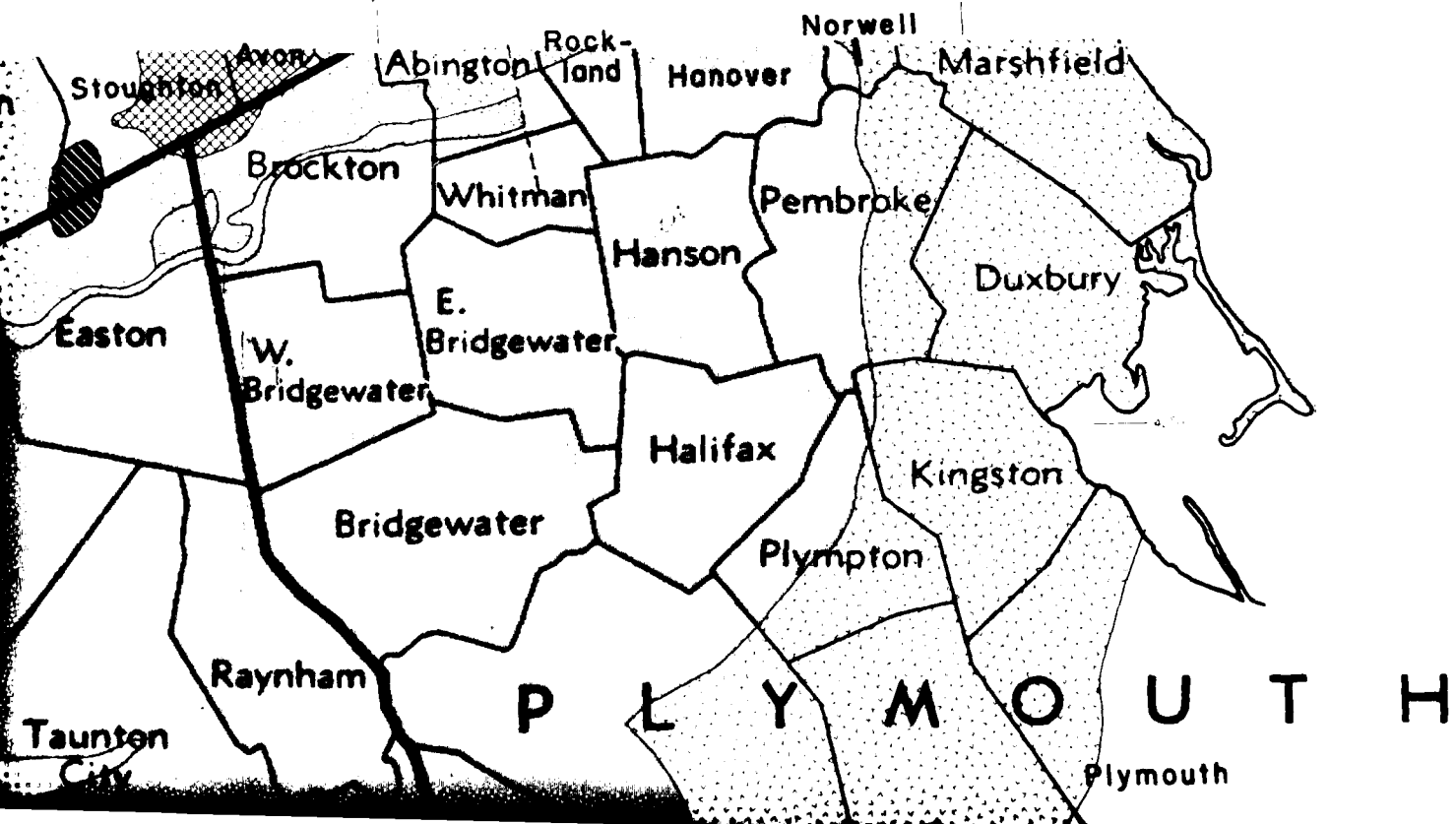
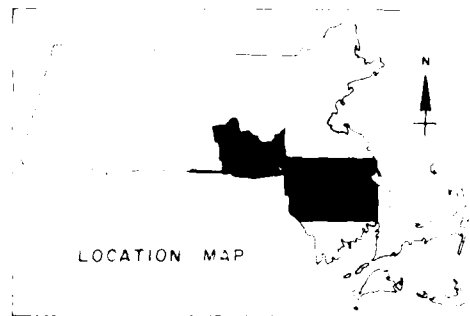
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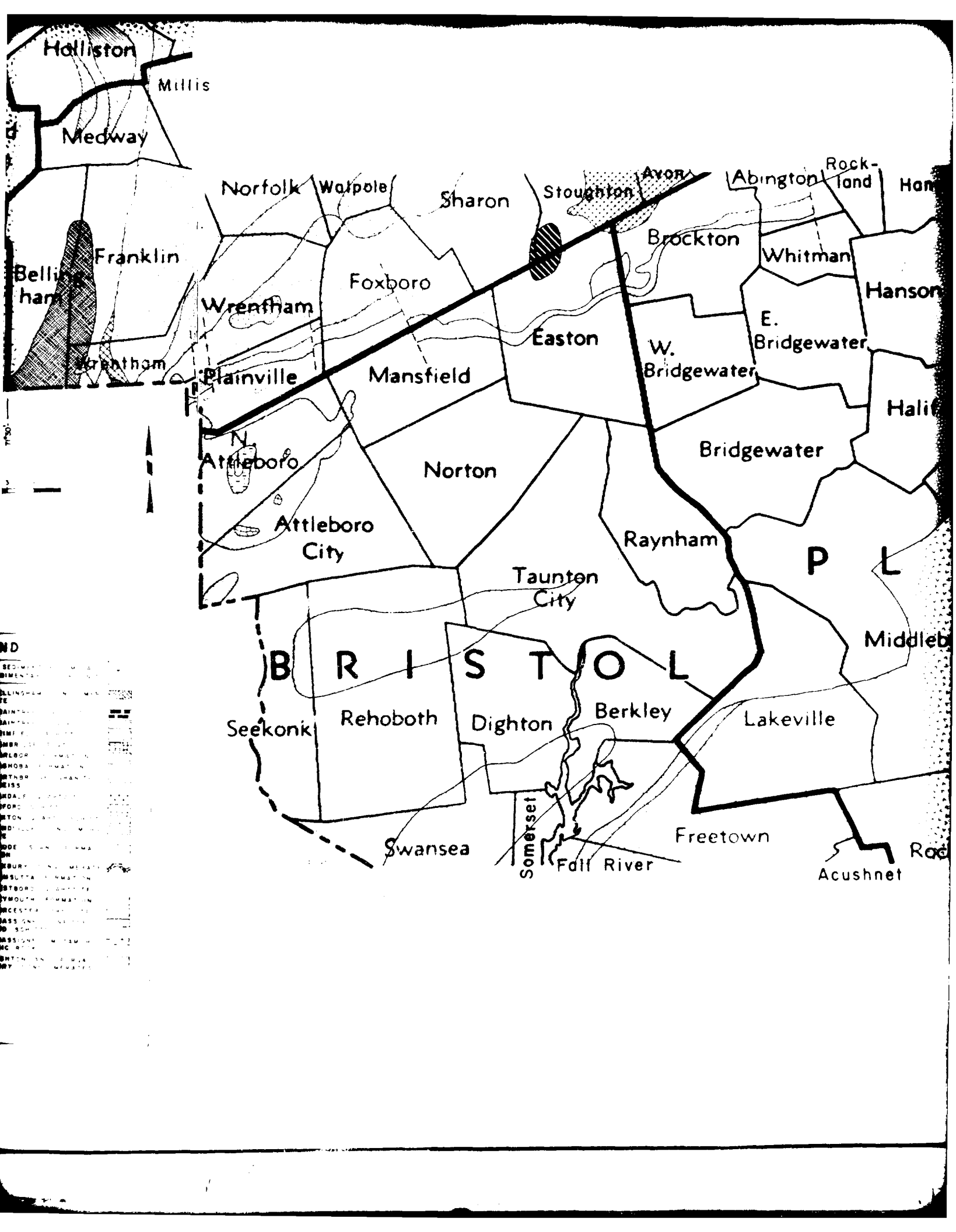


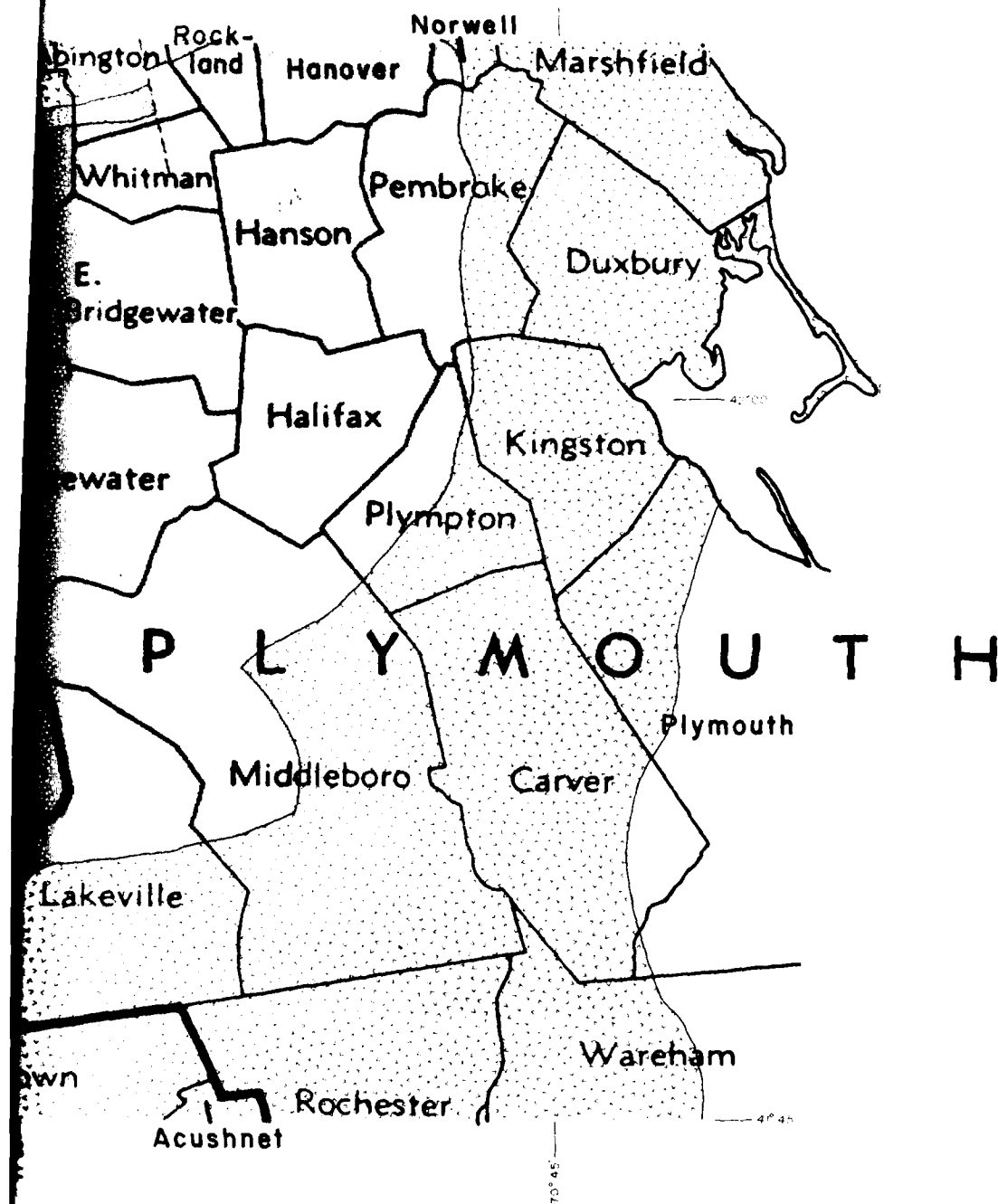
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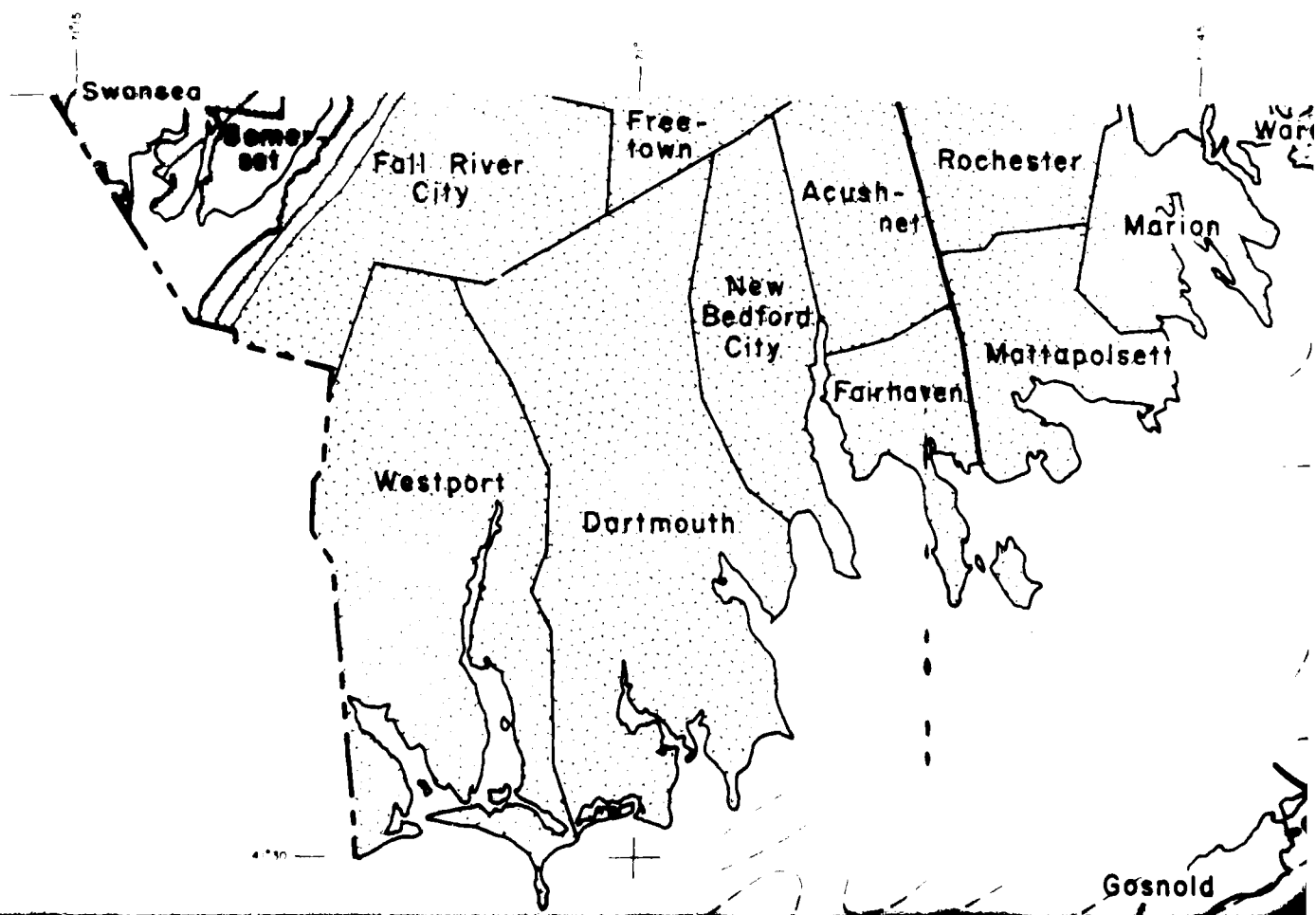
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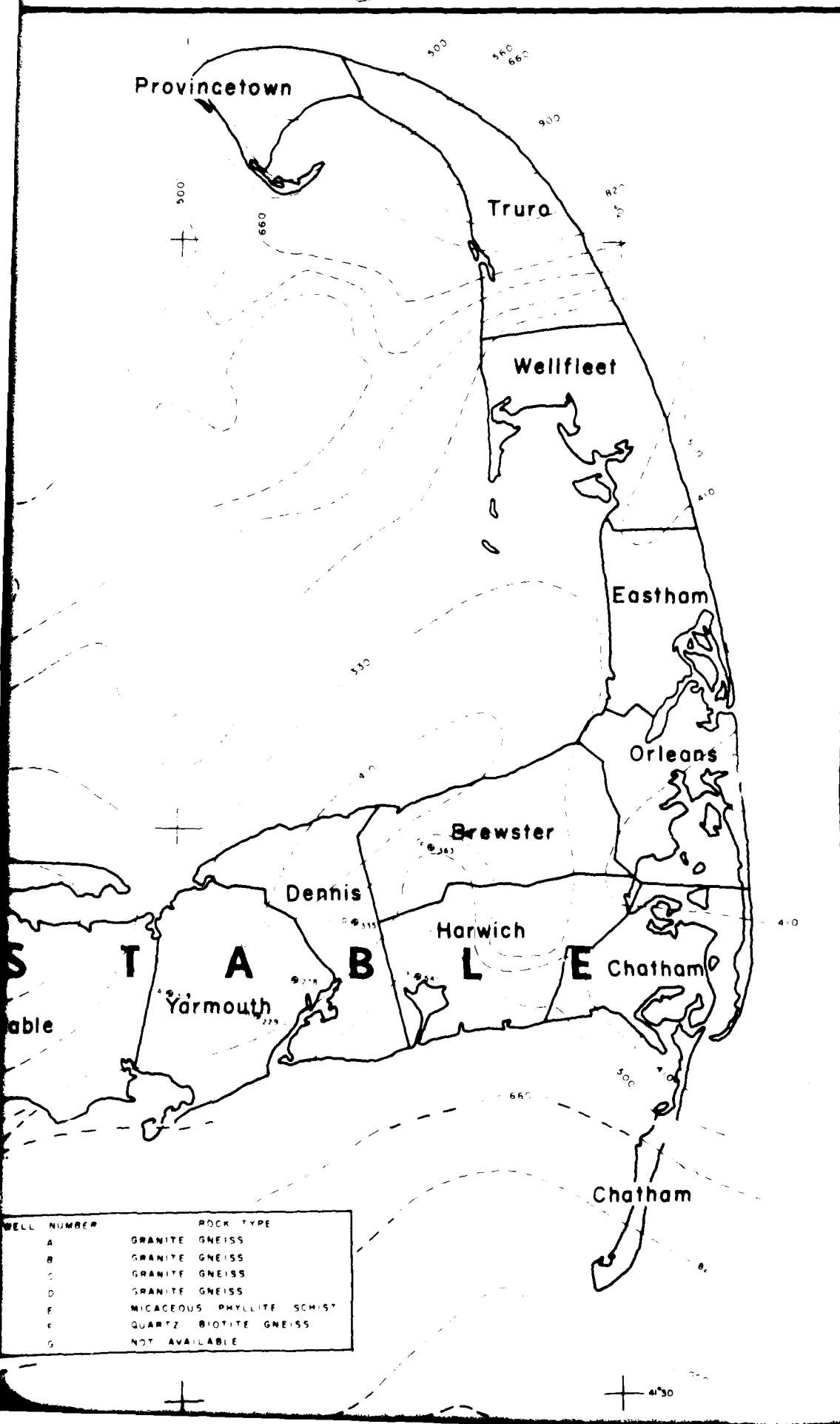
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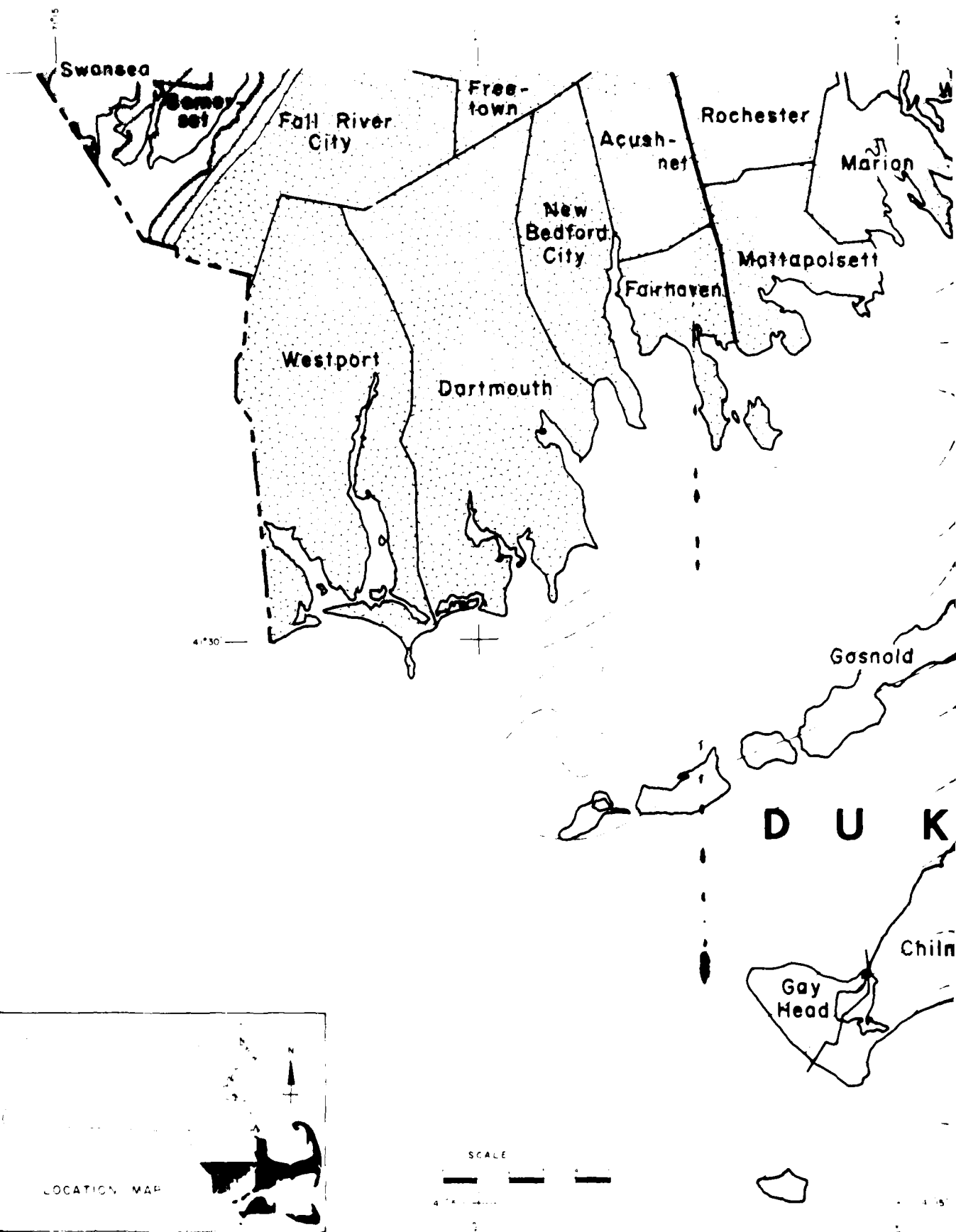
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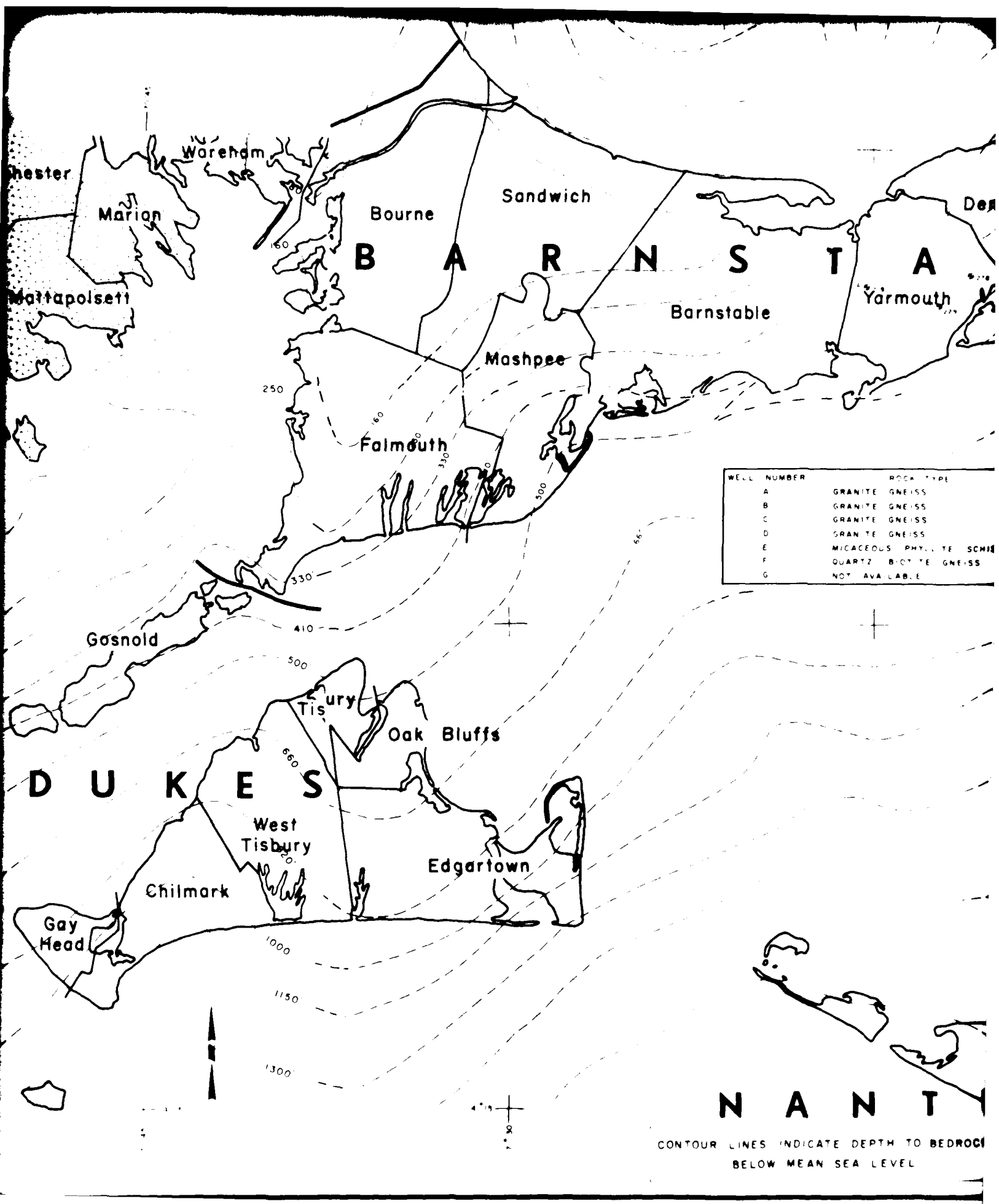
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- AND PURGATORY
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F	QUARTZITE GNEISS
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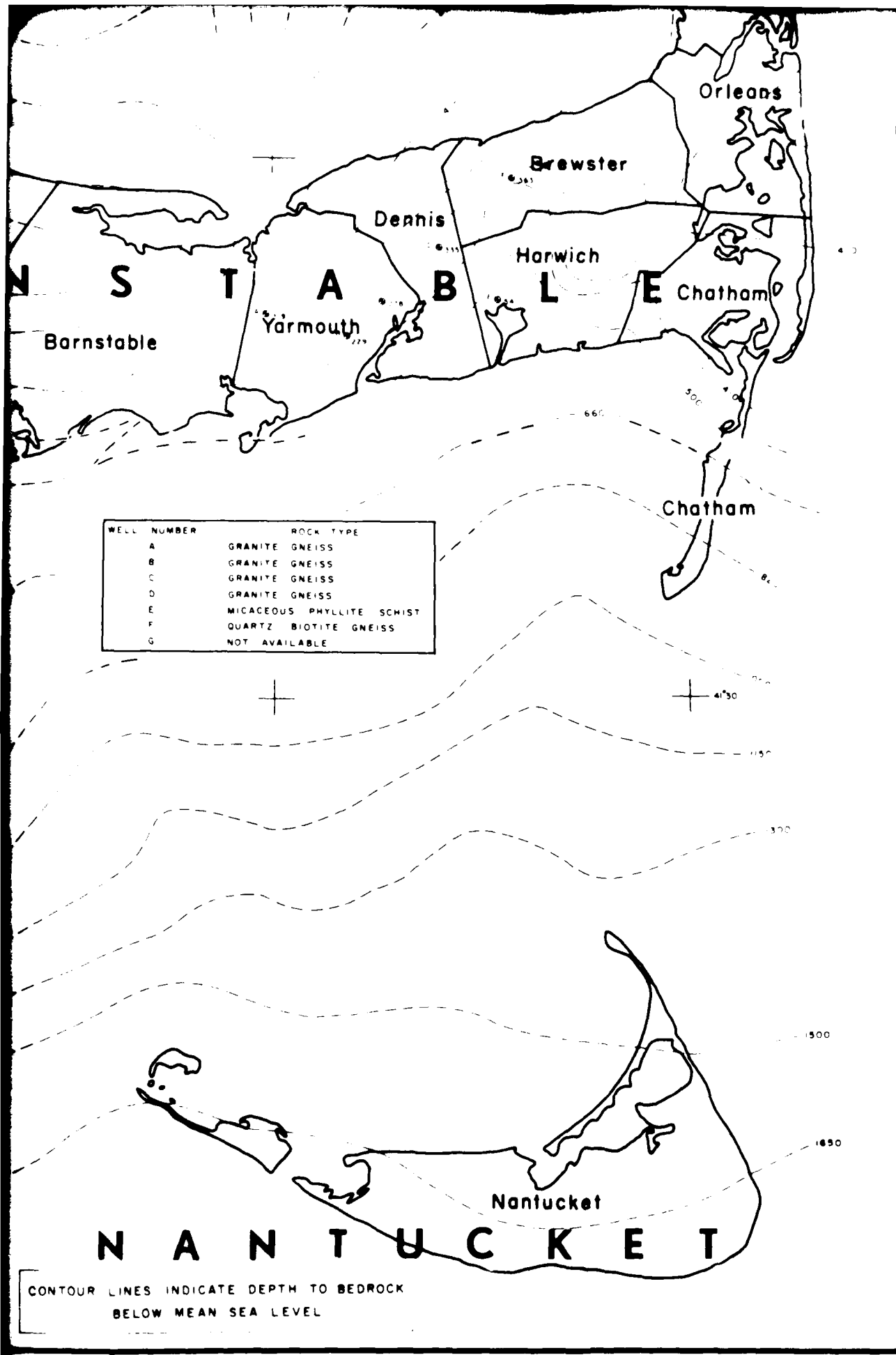






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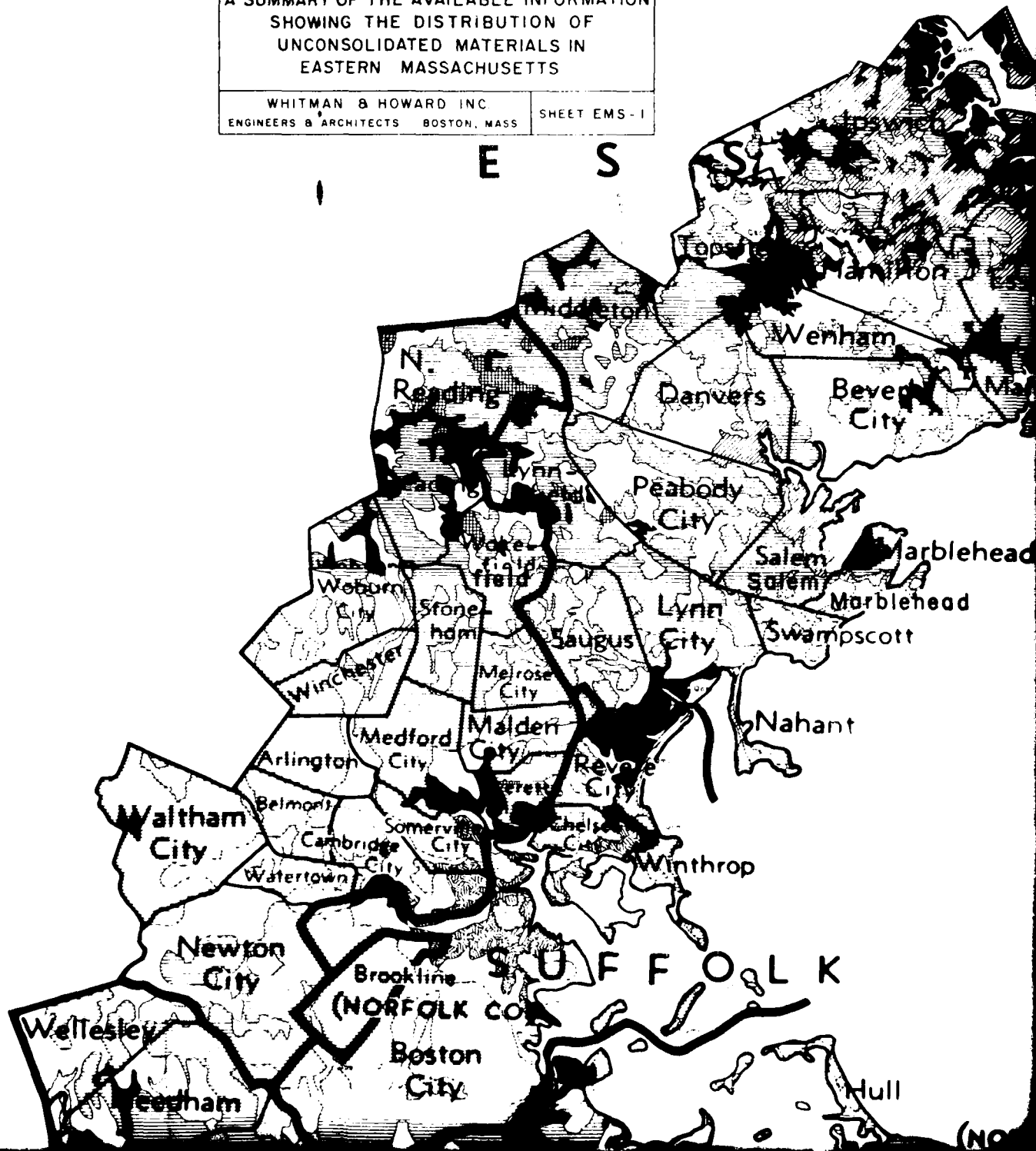
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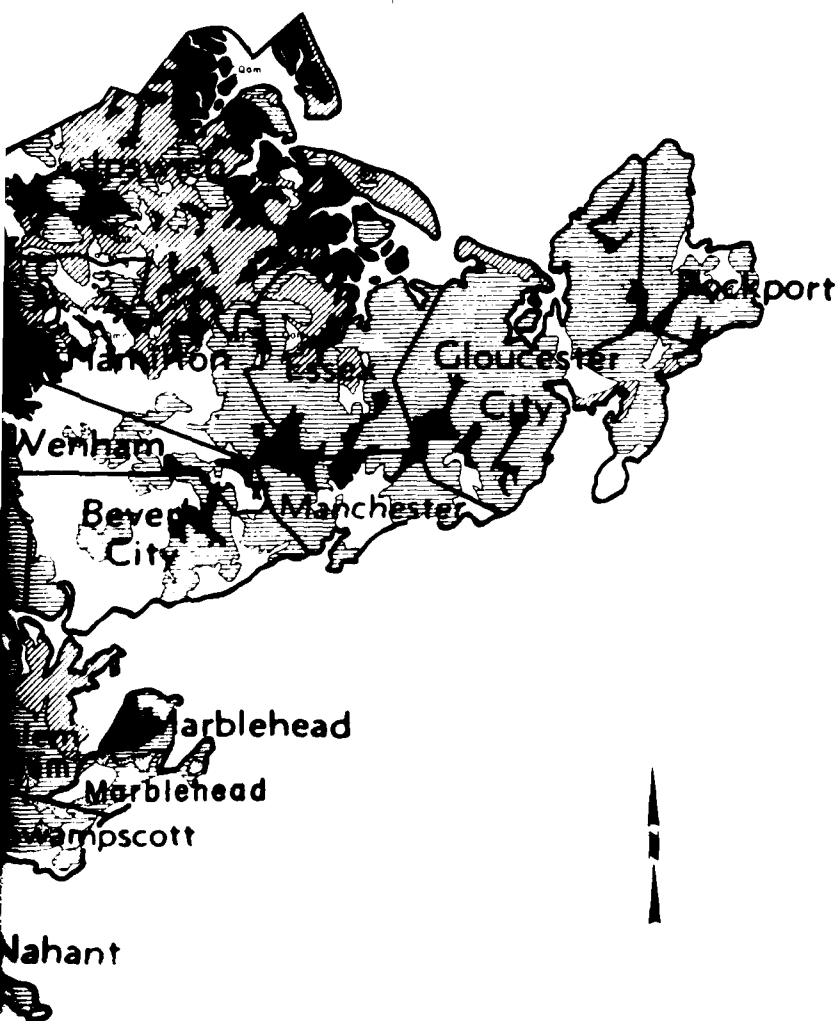
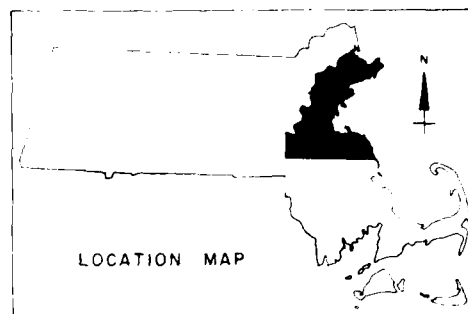
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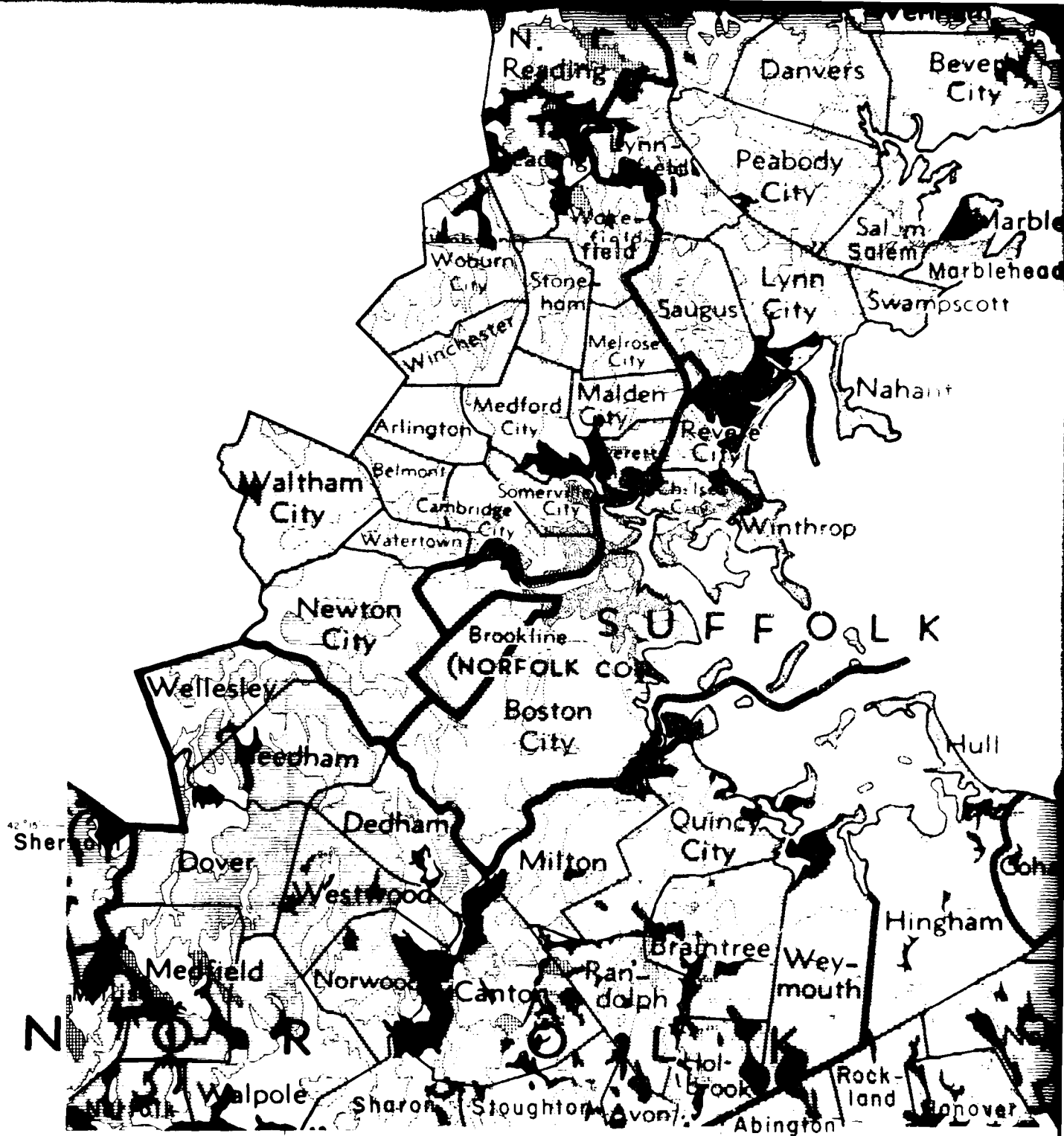
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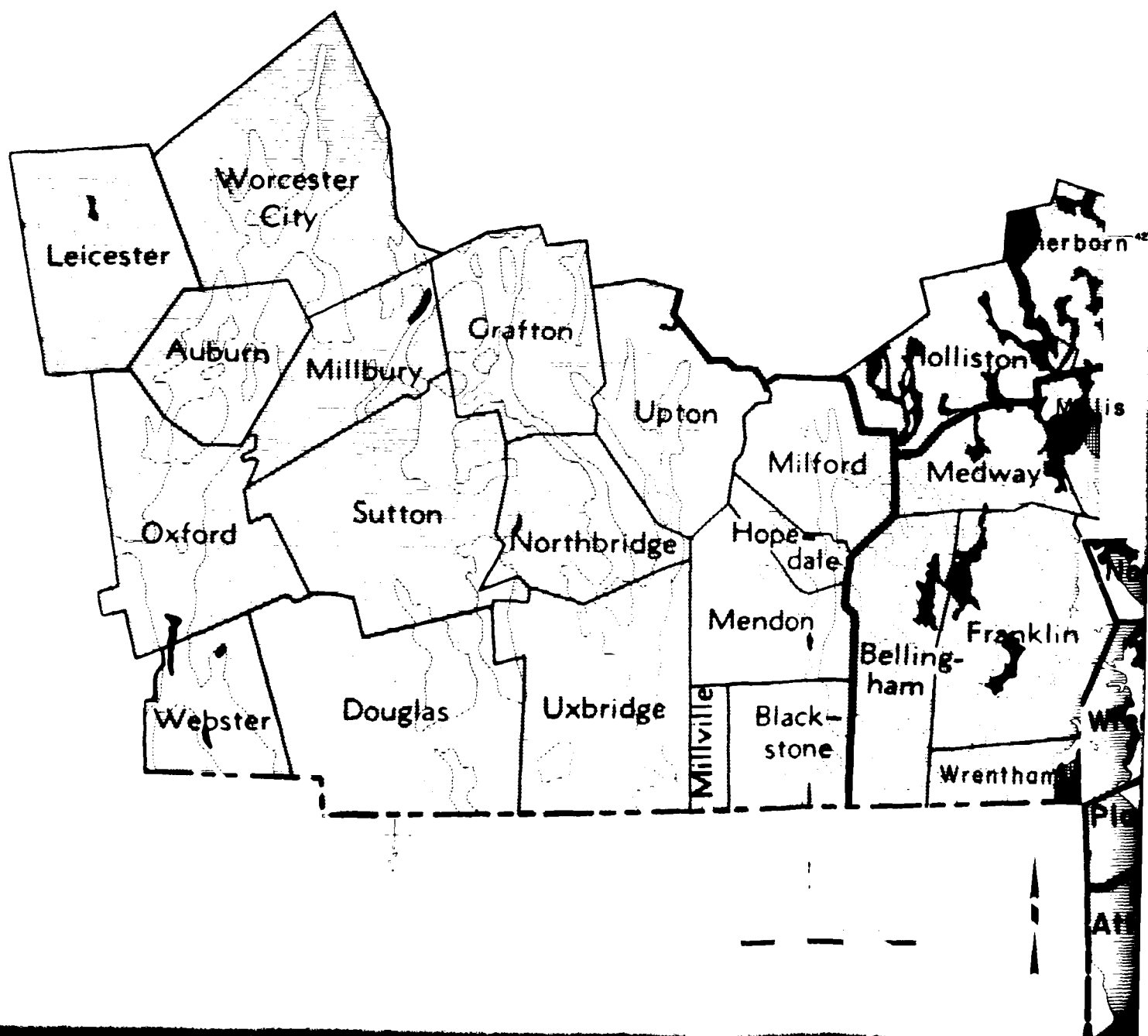


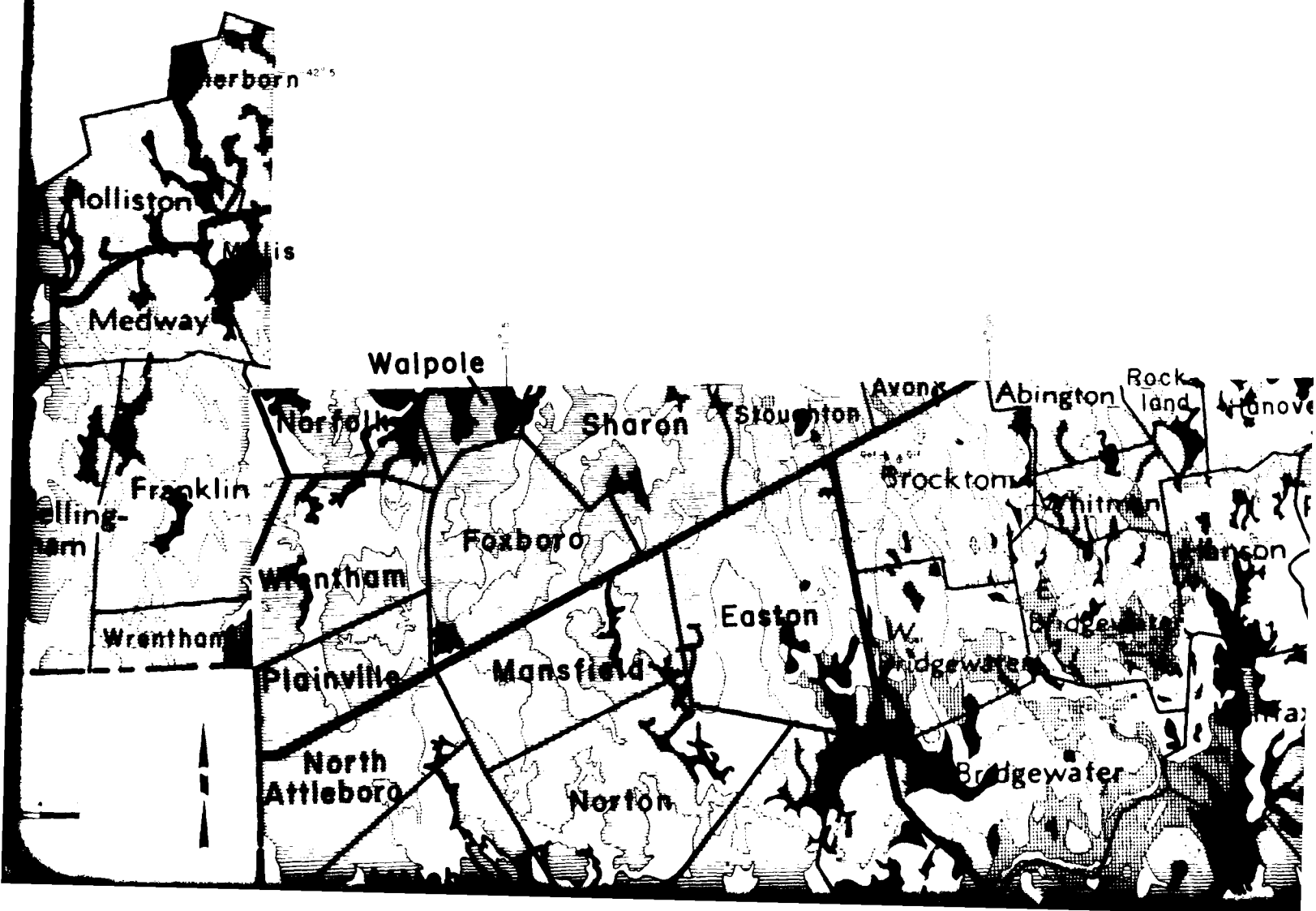
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	SYMBOL	GEOLOGIC UNIT	CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIAL
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FINE GRAINED AND/OR ORGANIC SOILS	Qlt	GLACIAL LAKE BOTTOM DEPOSITS	SILTS, Clayey SILTS, Silty SANDS, Varved SILTS and Clays.
	Qmf	MARINE DEPOSITS	Silty CLAYS, SILTS and CLAYS, SILTS, Silty fine SANDS.
	Qof	FRESH-WATER ORGANIC DEPOSITS	PEATS, Sandy PEATS, Silty PEATS, Organic Sands and SILTS, MUCK.
	Qom	MARINE ORGANIC DEPOSITS	ORGANIC SILT, Clayey Organic SILTS, Organic Sands, Marsh Muds, "Ooze".

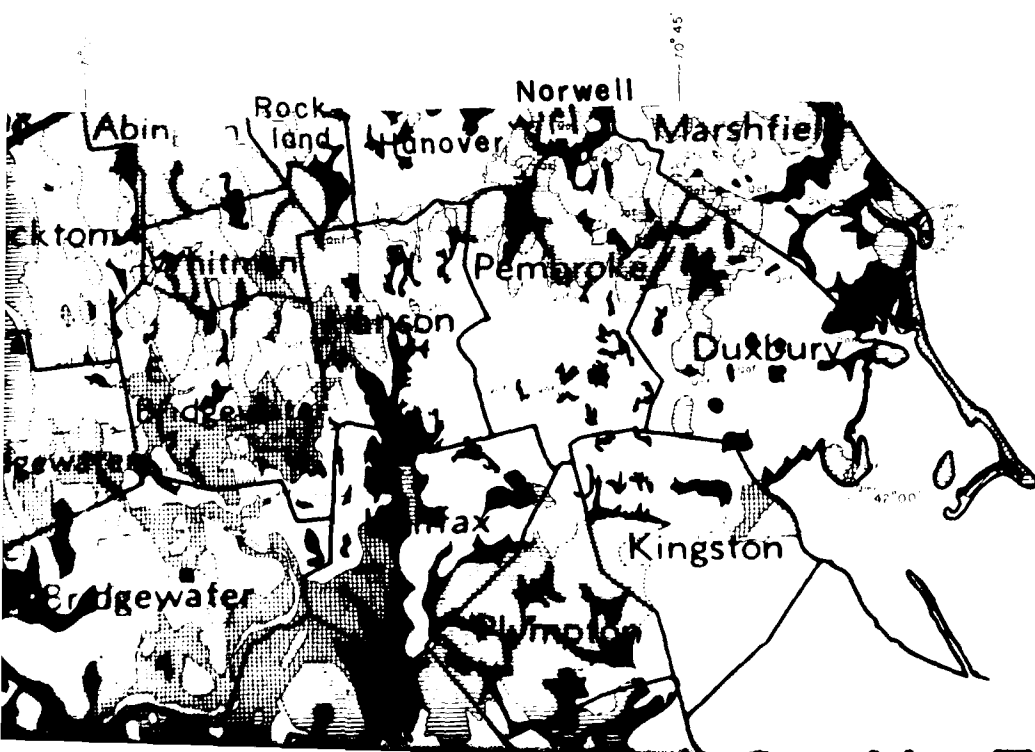
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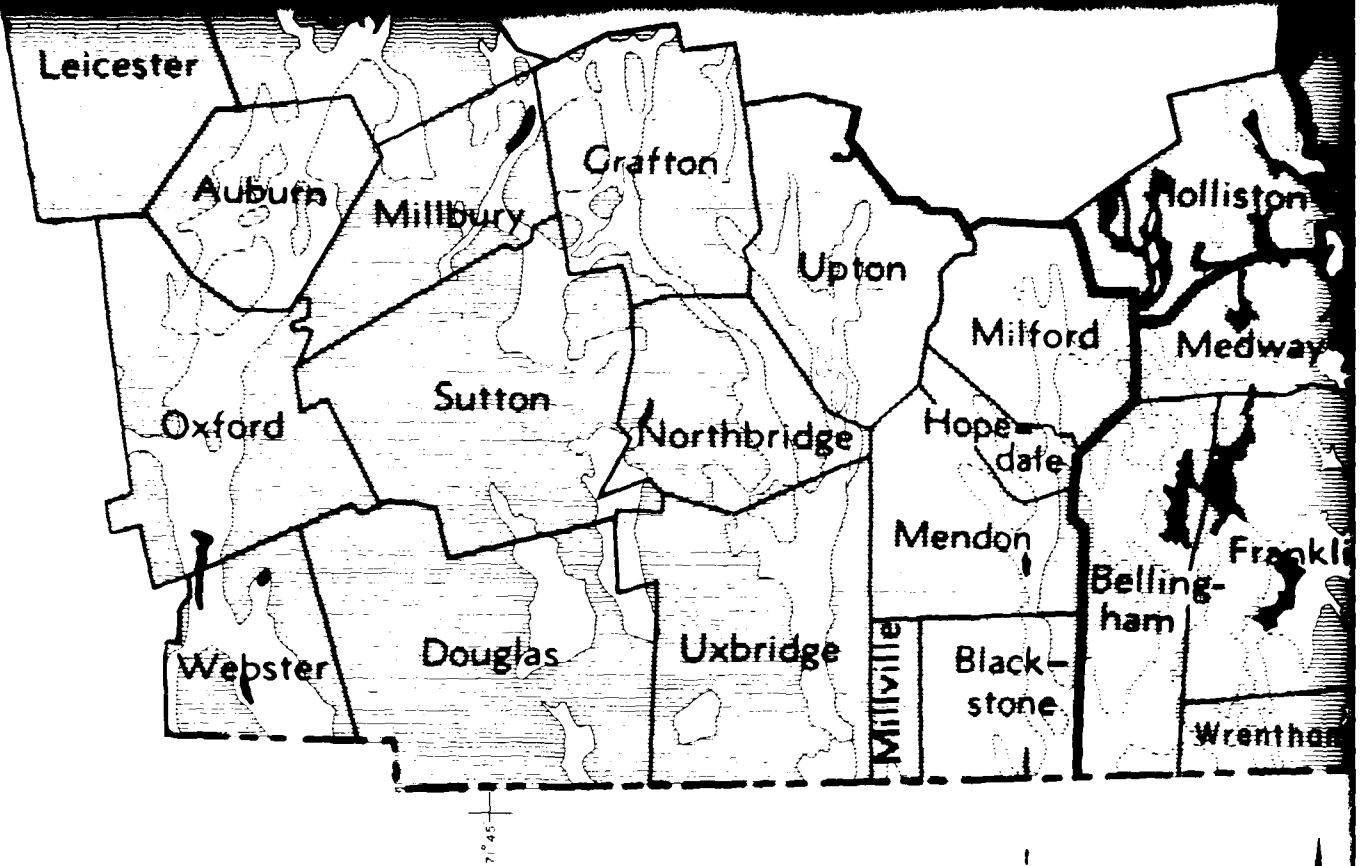






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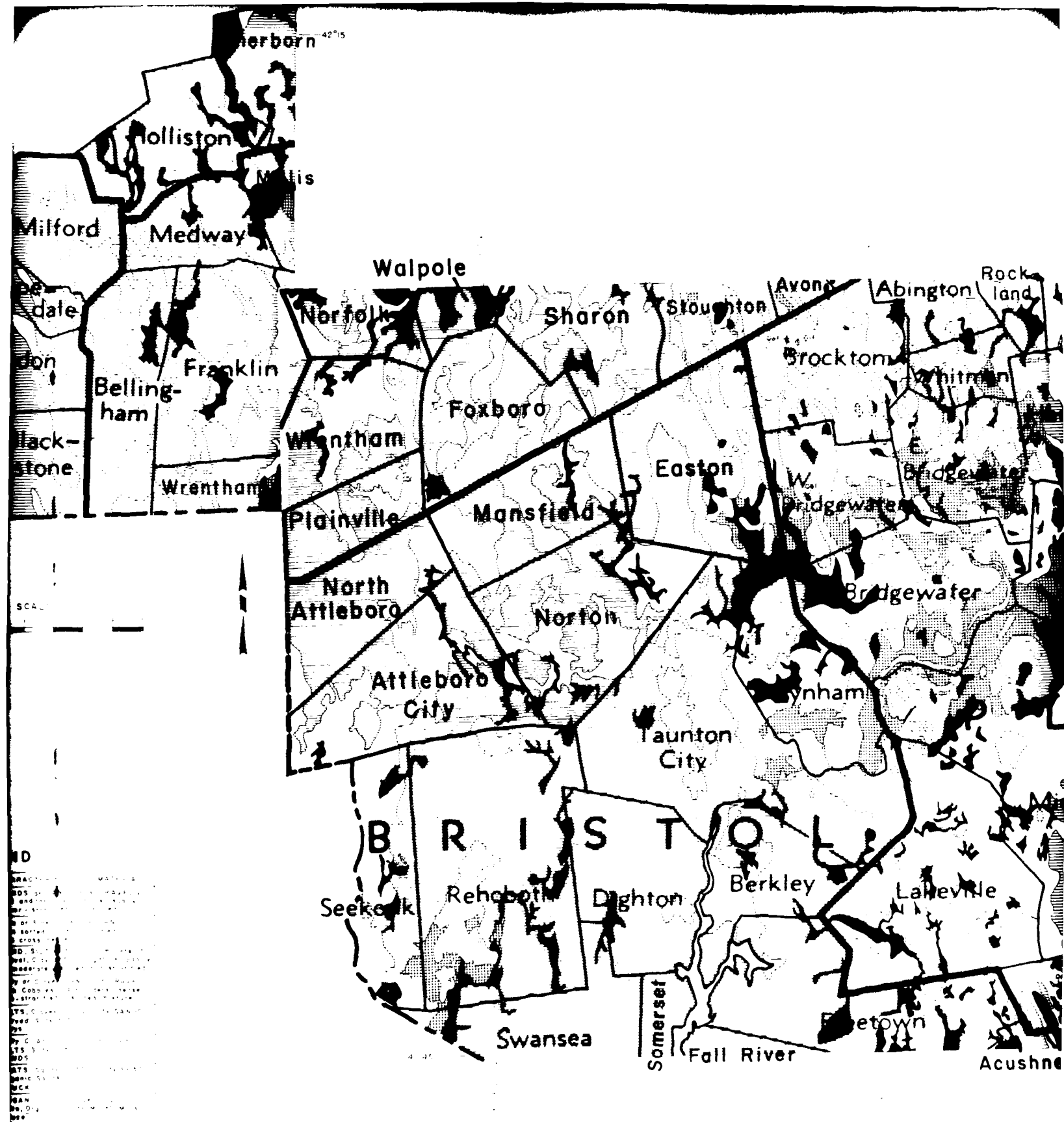


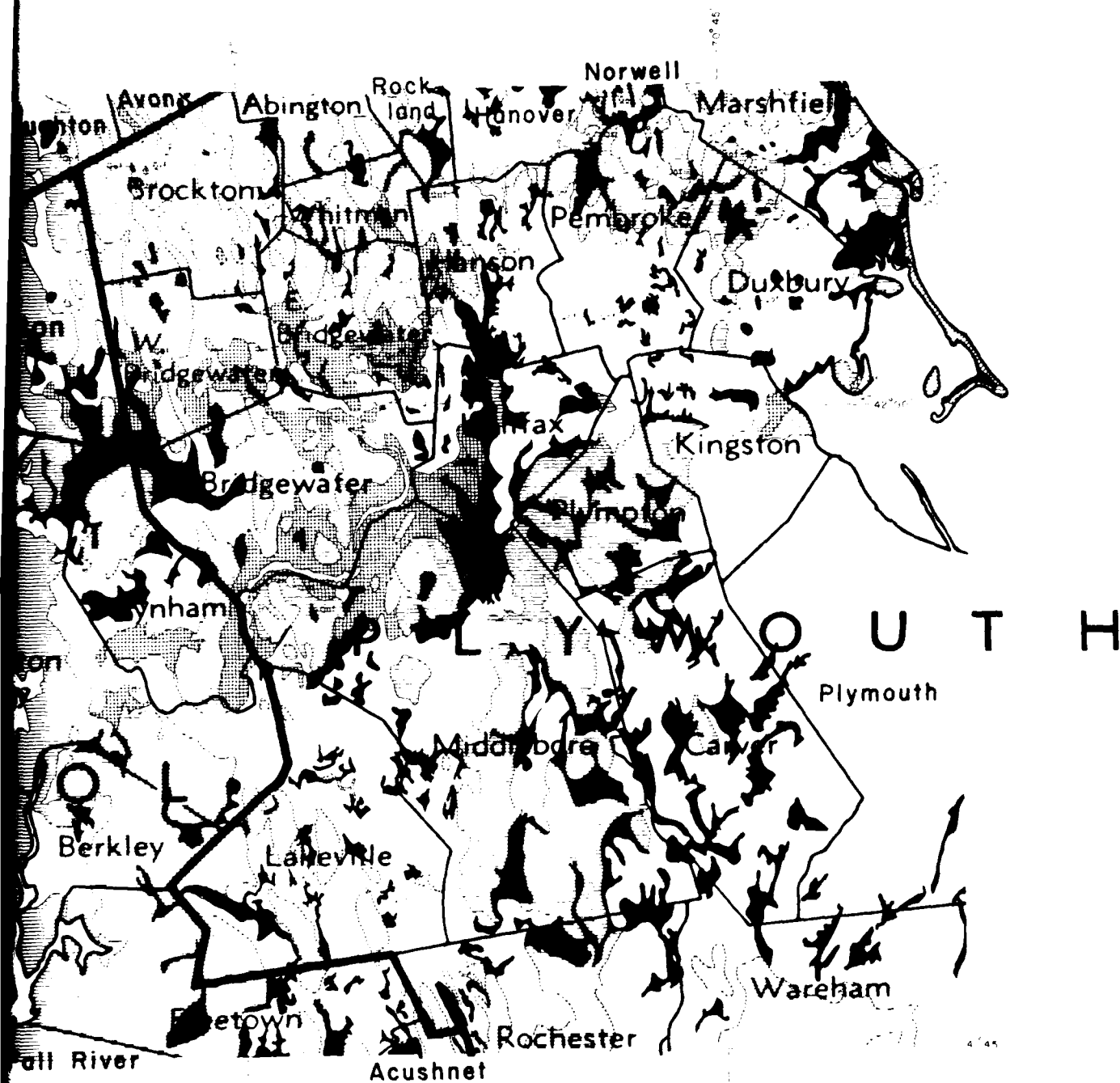


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LEGEND

SYMBOL	GEOLOGIC UNIT	CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIAL
Outwash and ice contact deposits	Owc	GLACIAL SANDS AND GRAVELS DEPOSITS OF GLACIAL MELT WATER OUTWASHING GLACIAL DEPOSITS
Beach, dune and marine deposits	Umc	GLACIAL SANDS AND GRAVELS DEPOSITS OF GLACIAL MELT WATER OUTWASHING GLACIAL DEPOSITS
Alluvium and river terrace deposits	Qac	GLACIAL SANDS AND GRAVELS DEPOSITS OF GLACIAL MELT WATER OUTWASHING GLACIAL DEPOSITS
Glacial till	Qgt	GLACIAL SANDS AND GRAVELS DEPOSITS OF GLACIAL MELT WATER OUTWASHING GLACIAL DEPOSITS
Glacial lake bottom deposits	Qgl	GLACIAL SANDS AND GRAVELS DEPOSITS OF GLACIAL MELT WATER OUTWASHING GLACIAL DEPOSITS
Marine deposits	Umt	GLACIAL SANDS AND GRAVELS DEPOSITS OF GLACIAL MELT WATER OUTWASHING GLACIAL DEPOSITS
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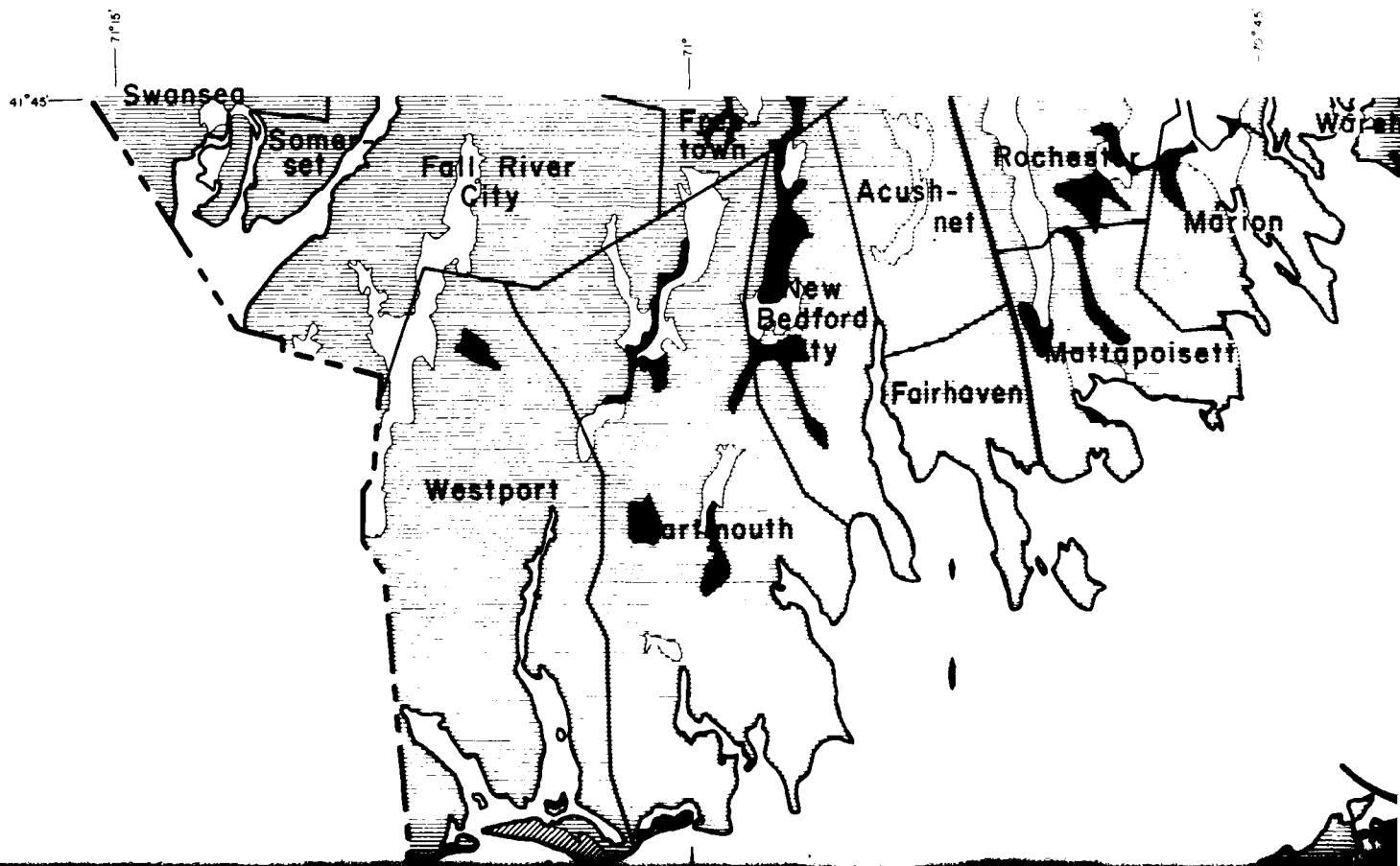




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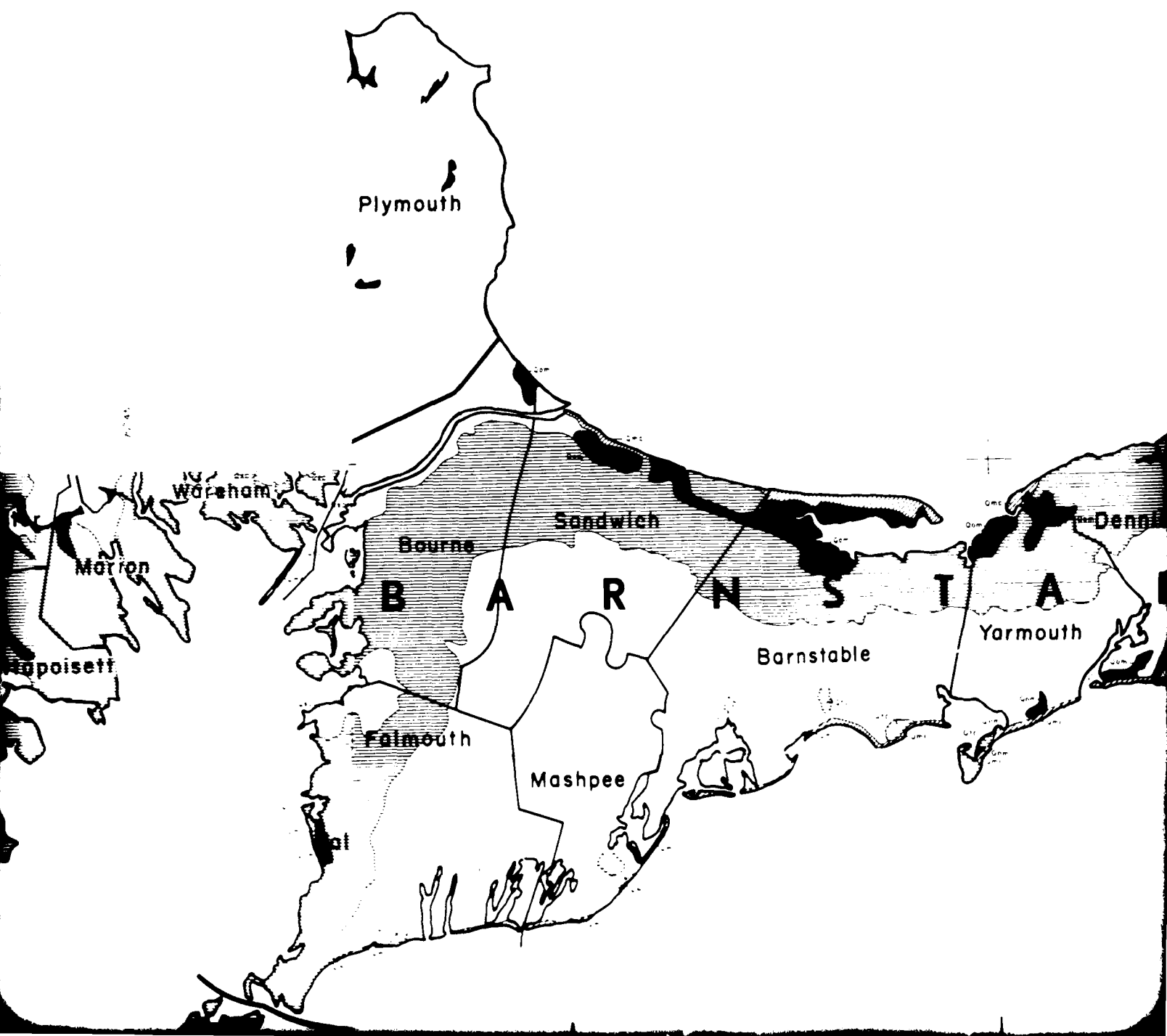
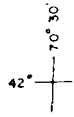
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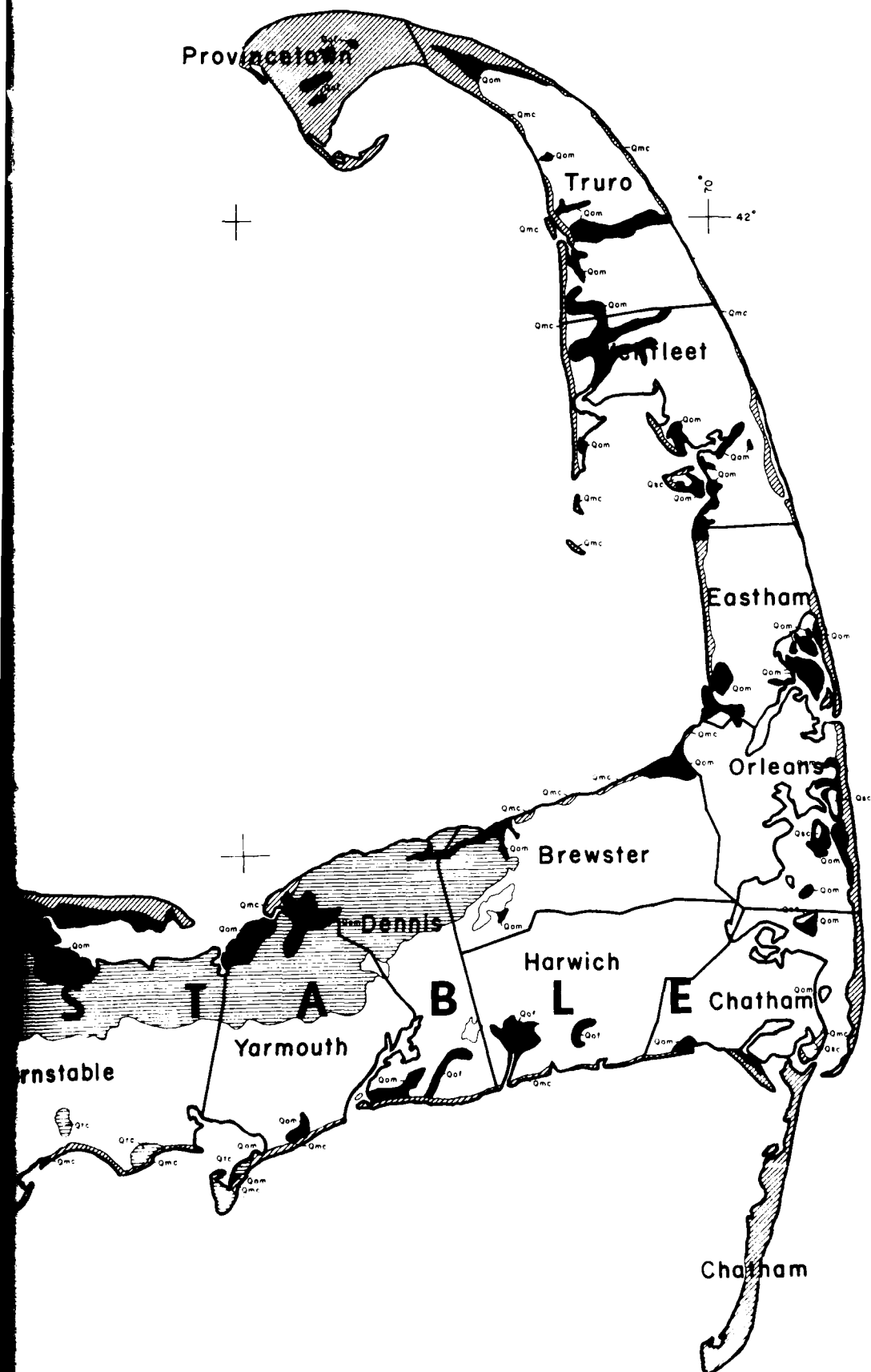
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Qsk	OUTWASH AND ICE CONTACT DEPOSITS	SANDS or SANDS and GRAVELS. Silt and/or clay part are usually minor, stratified and sorted.
Qmc	BEACH, DUNE AND MARINE DEPOSITS	Fine or fine to medium SANDS well sorted, often stratified and cross bedded.
Qal	ALLUVIUM AND RIVER TERRACE DEPOSITS	SAND, SILT with minor amounts of Gravel, Clay and/or Organics, poorly to moderately sorted and stratified.
Qtc	GLACIAL TILL	Silty or clayey SAND and GRAVEL with cobbles and boulders, dense, non stratified unsorted mixture.
Qlt	GLACIAL LAKE BOTTOM DEPOSITS	SILTS, Clayey SILTS, Silty SANDS, Varved SILTS and CLAYS.
Qmt	MARINE DEPOSITS	Silty CLAYS, SILTS and CLAYS. SILTS, Silty fine SANDS.
Qot	FRESH-WATER ORGANIC DEPOSITS	PEATS, Sandy PEATS, Silty PEATS, Organic Sands and SILTS, MUCK.
Qom	MARINE ORGANIC DEPOSITS	ORGANIC SILT, Clayey Organic SILTS, Organic Sands, Marine Muds, "Ooze".

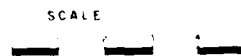
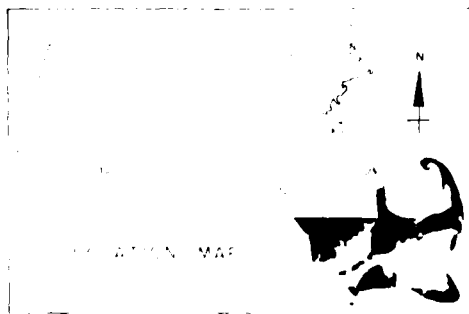
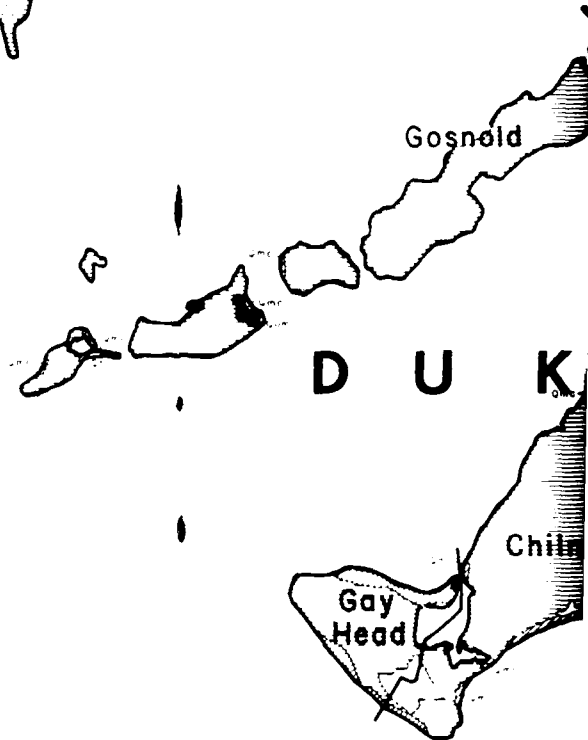
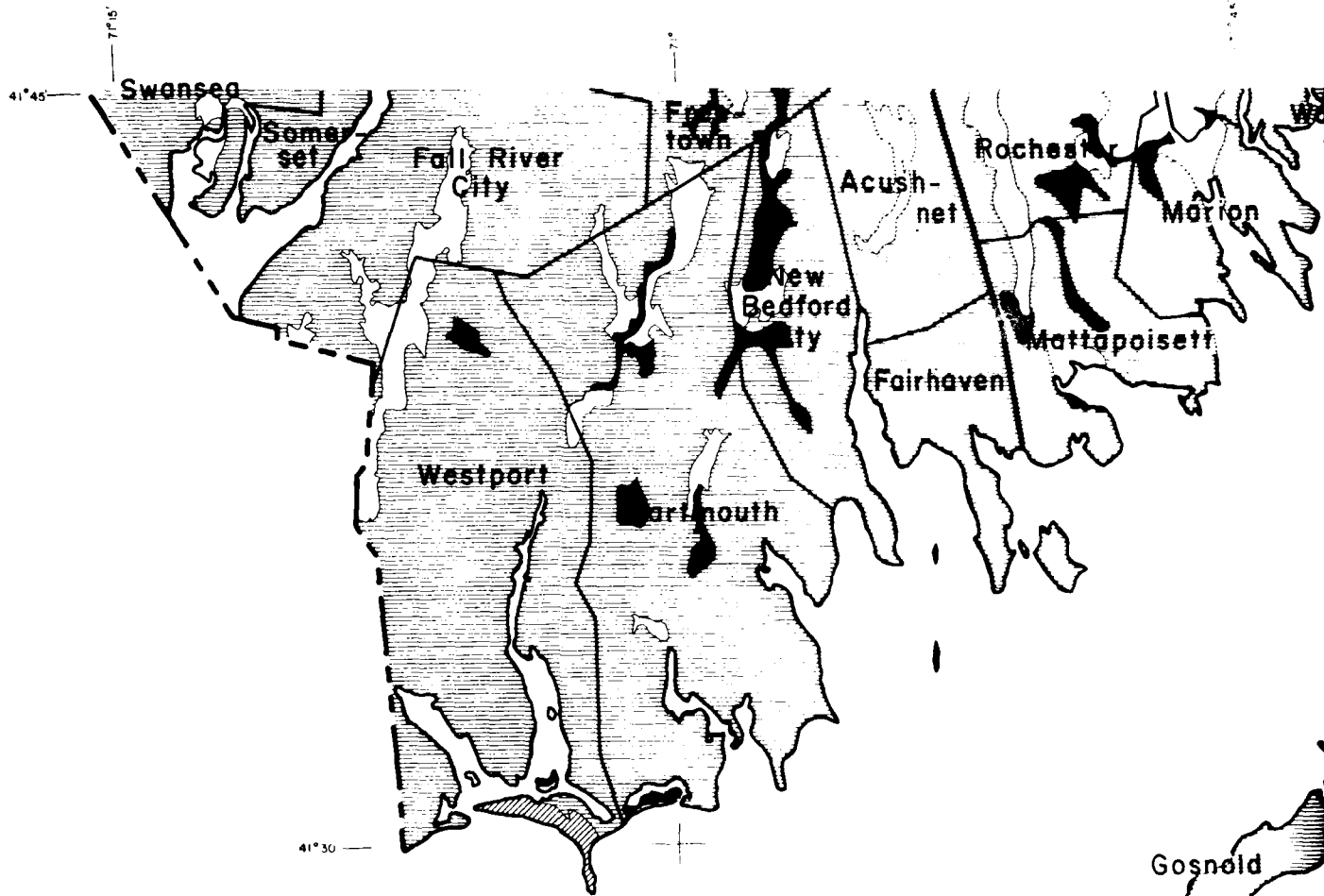


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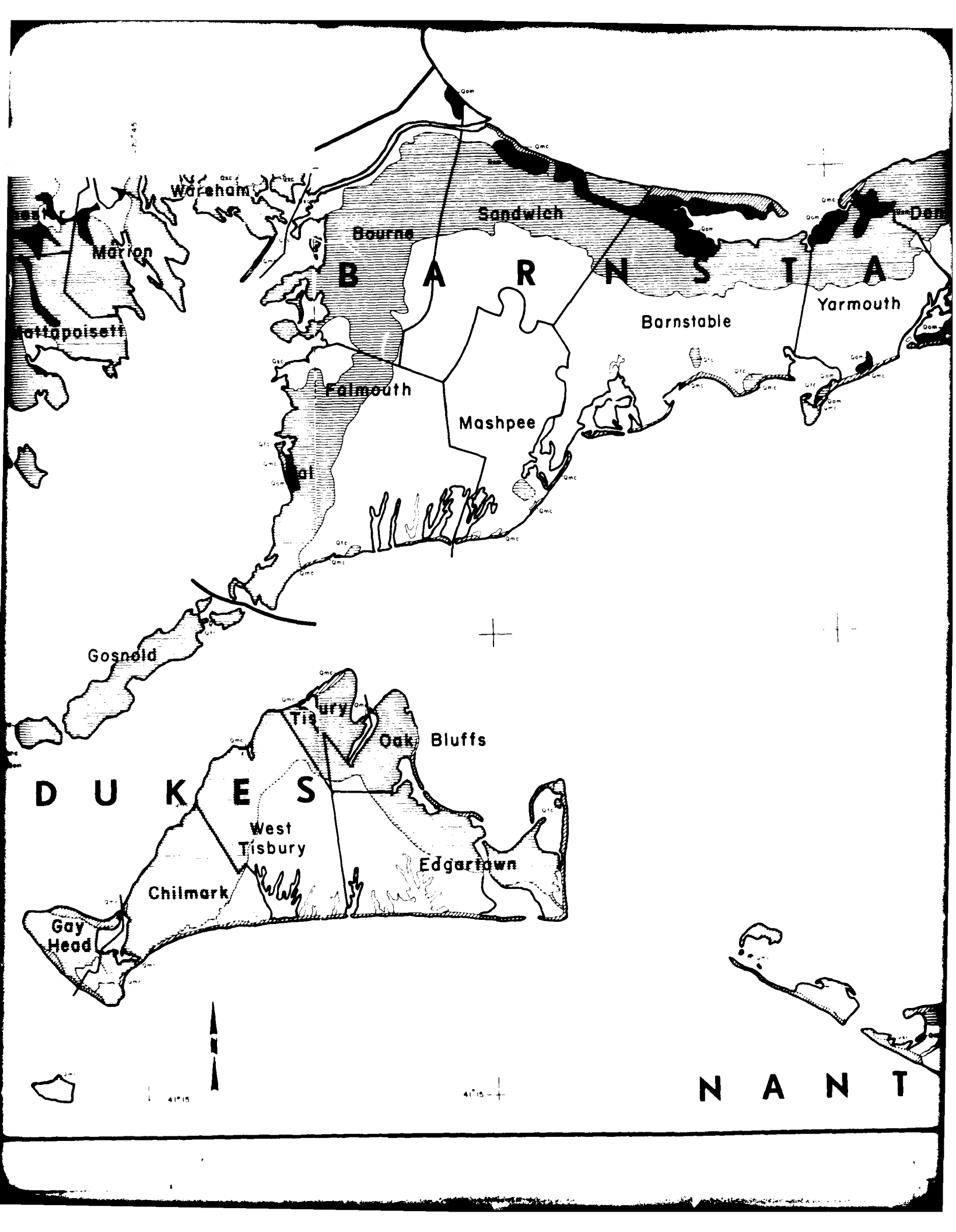






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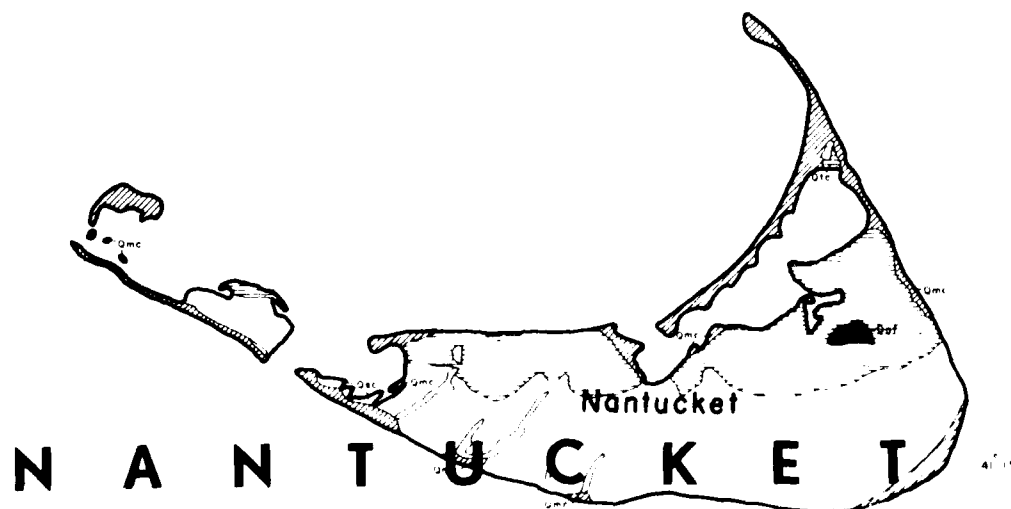
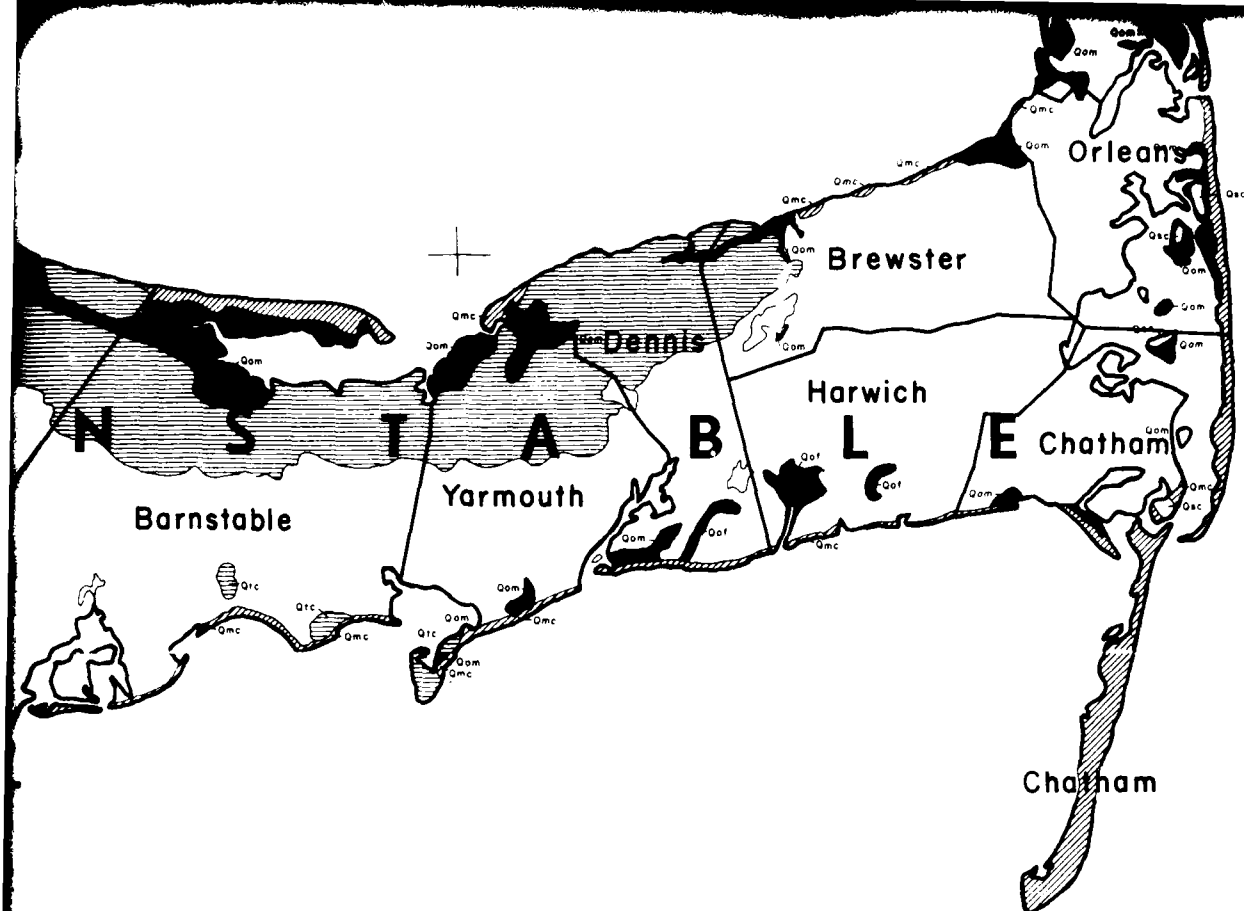
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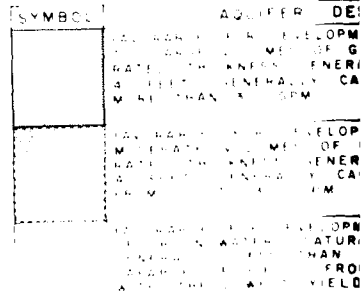
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





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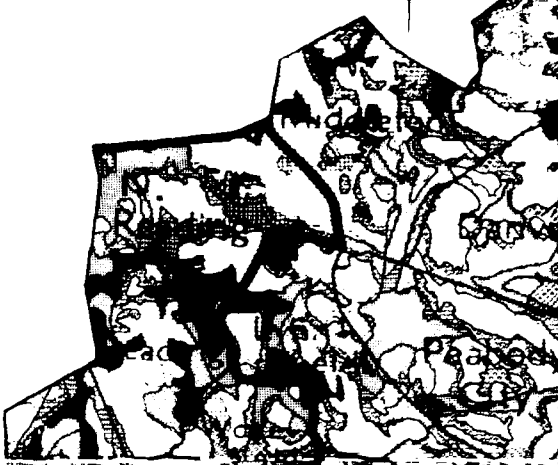


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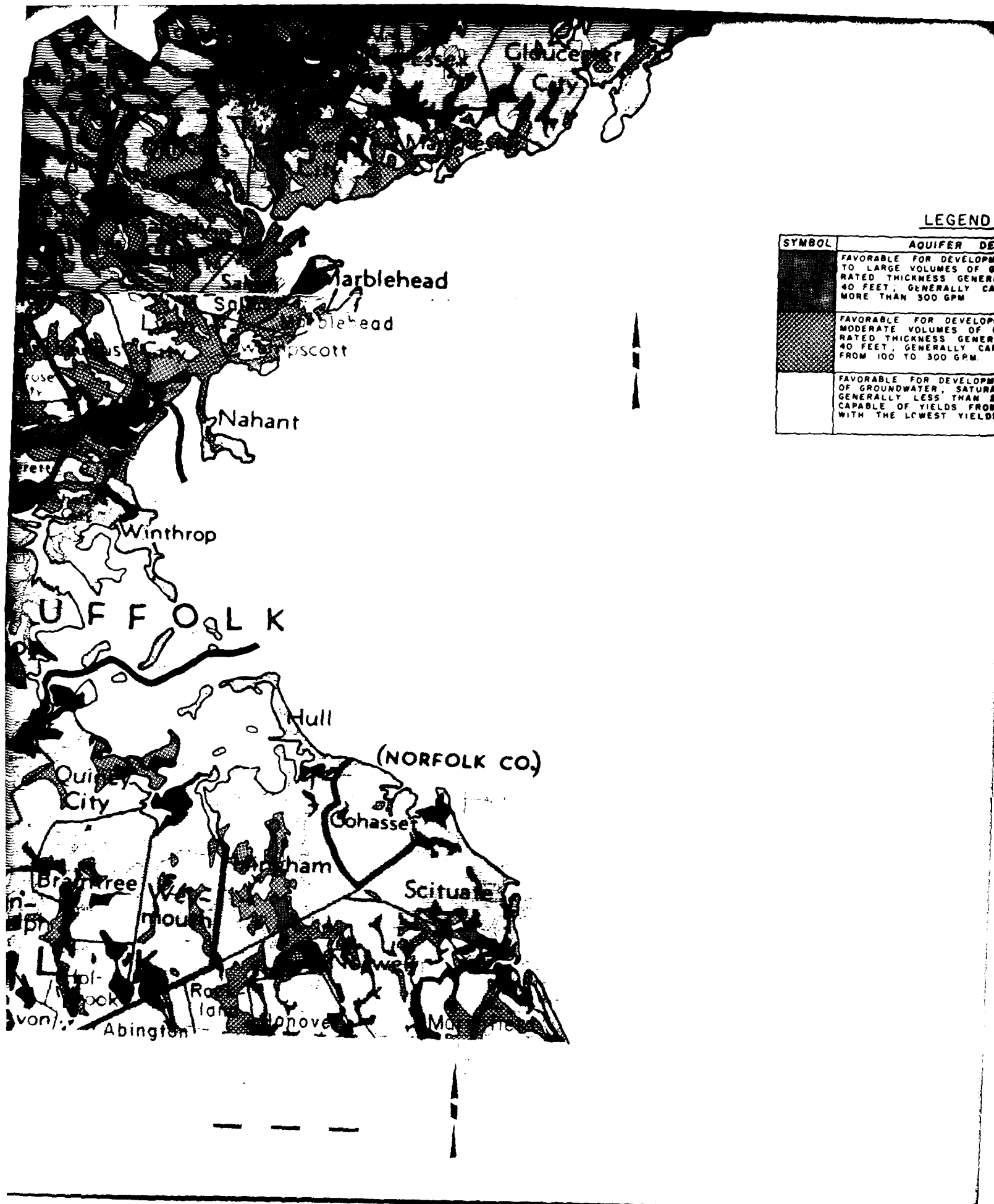
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

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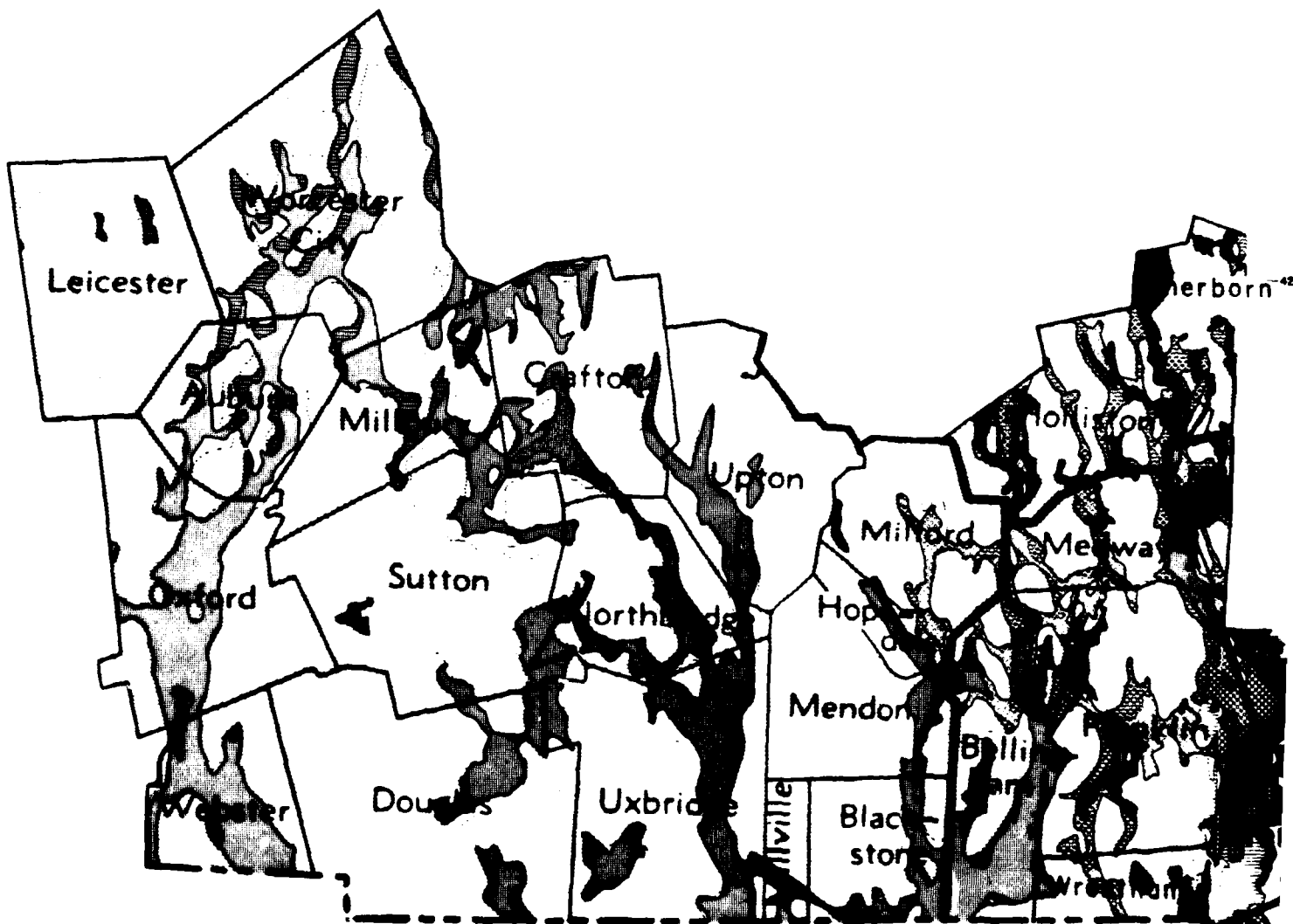


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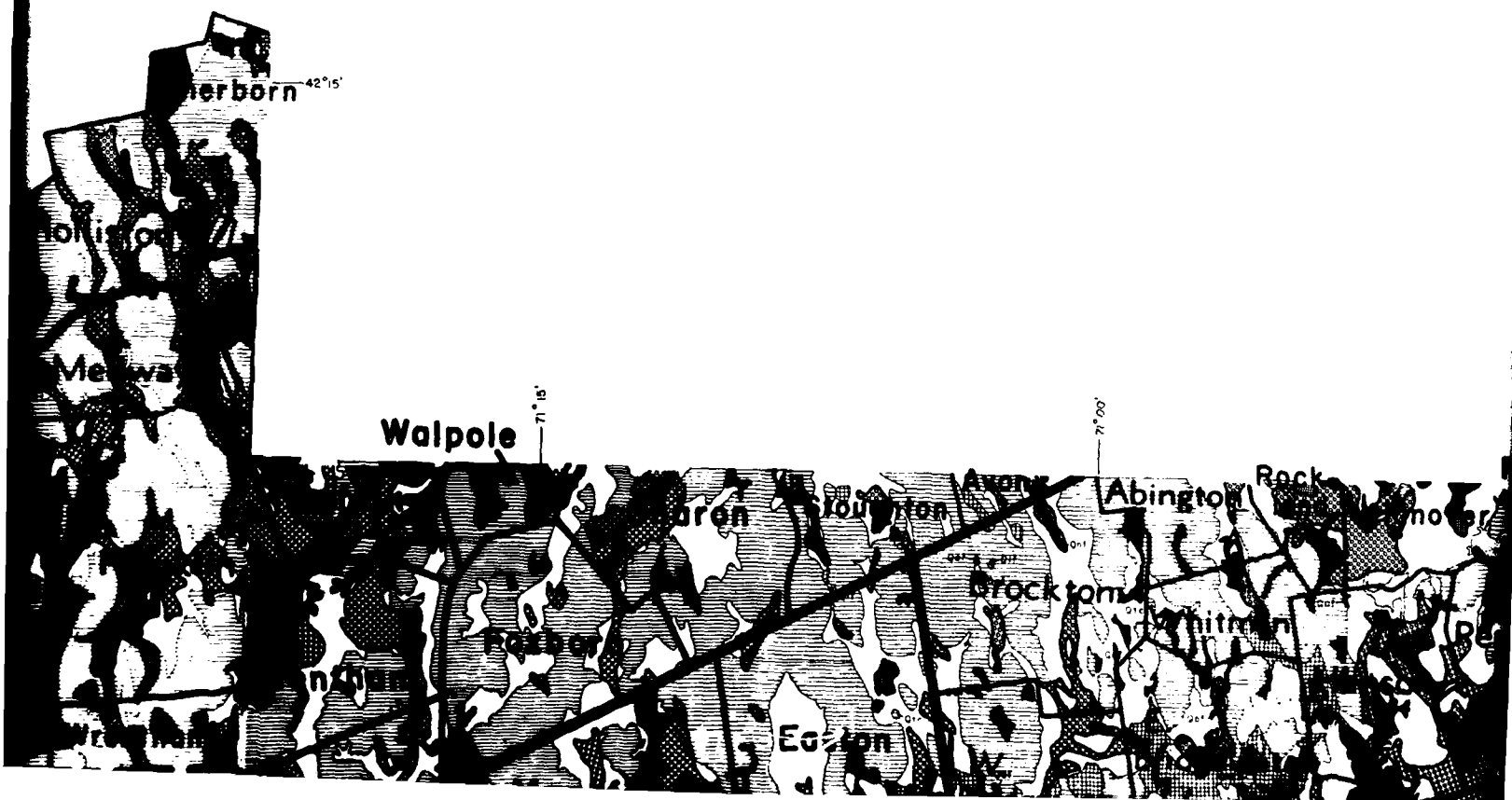
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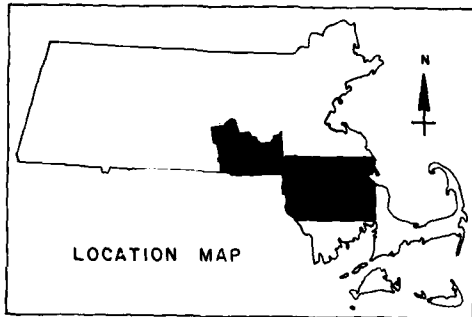
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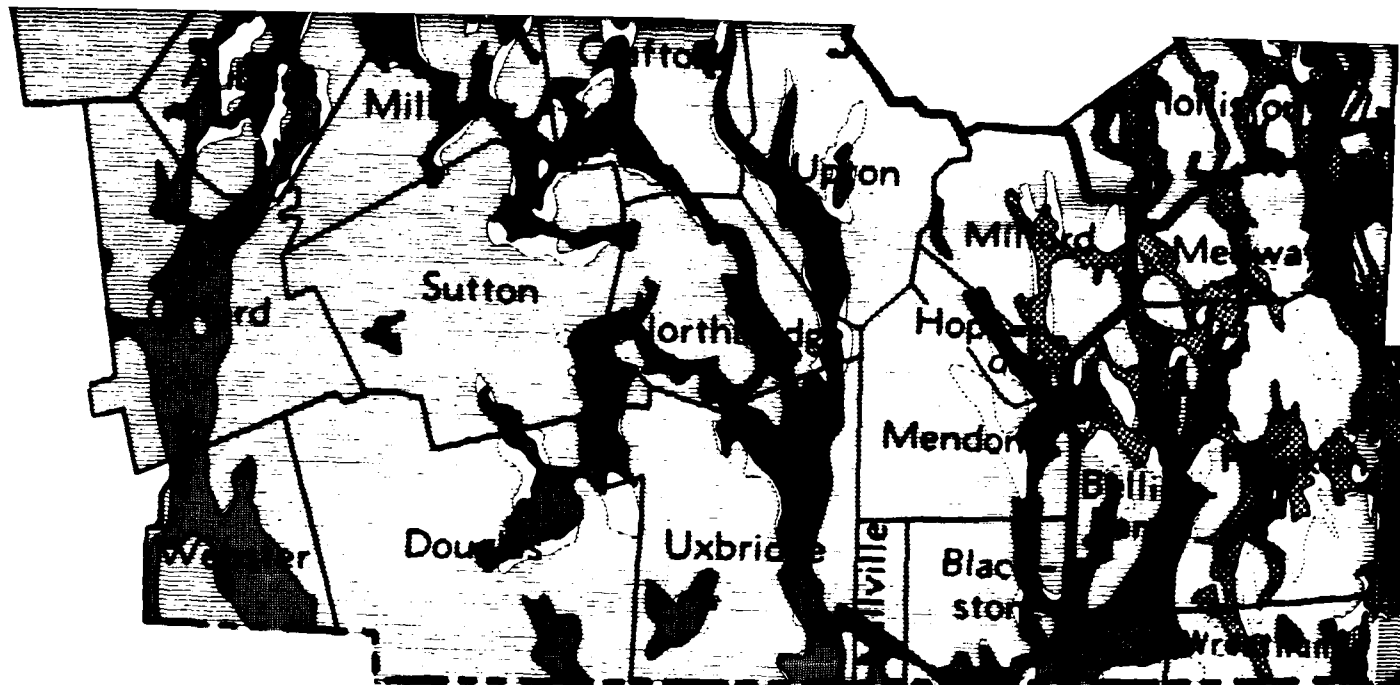




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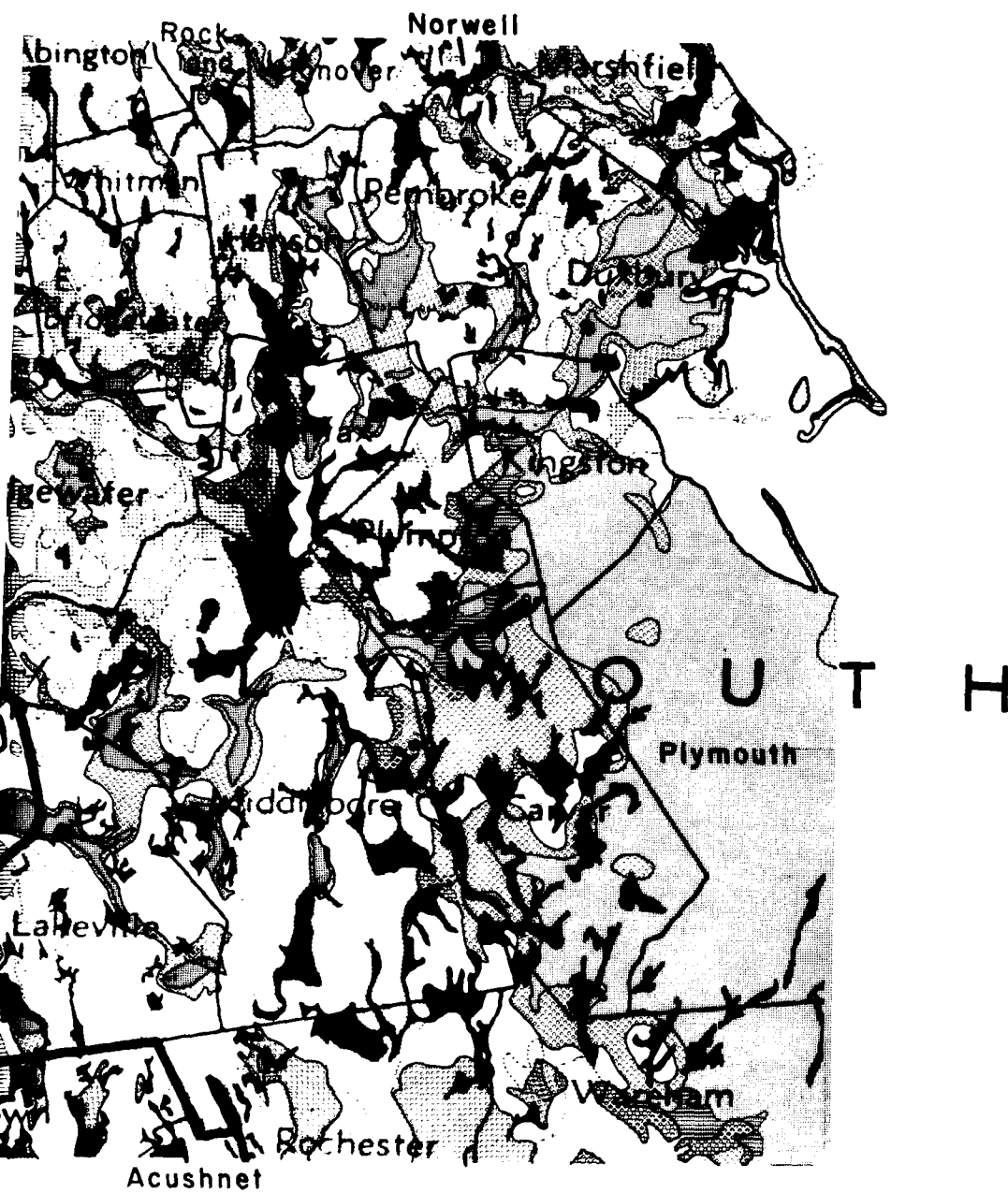
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

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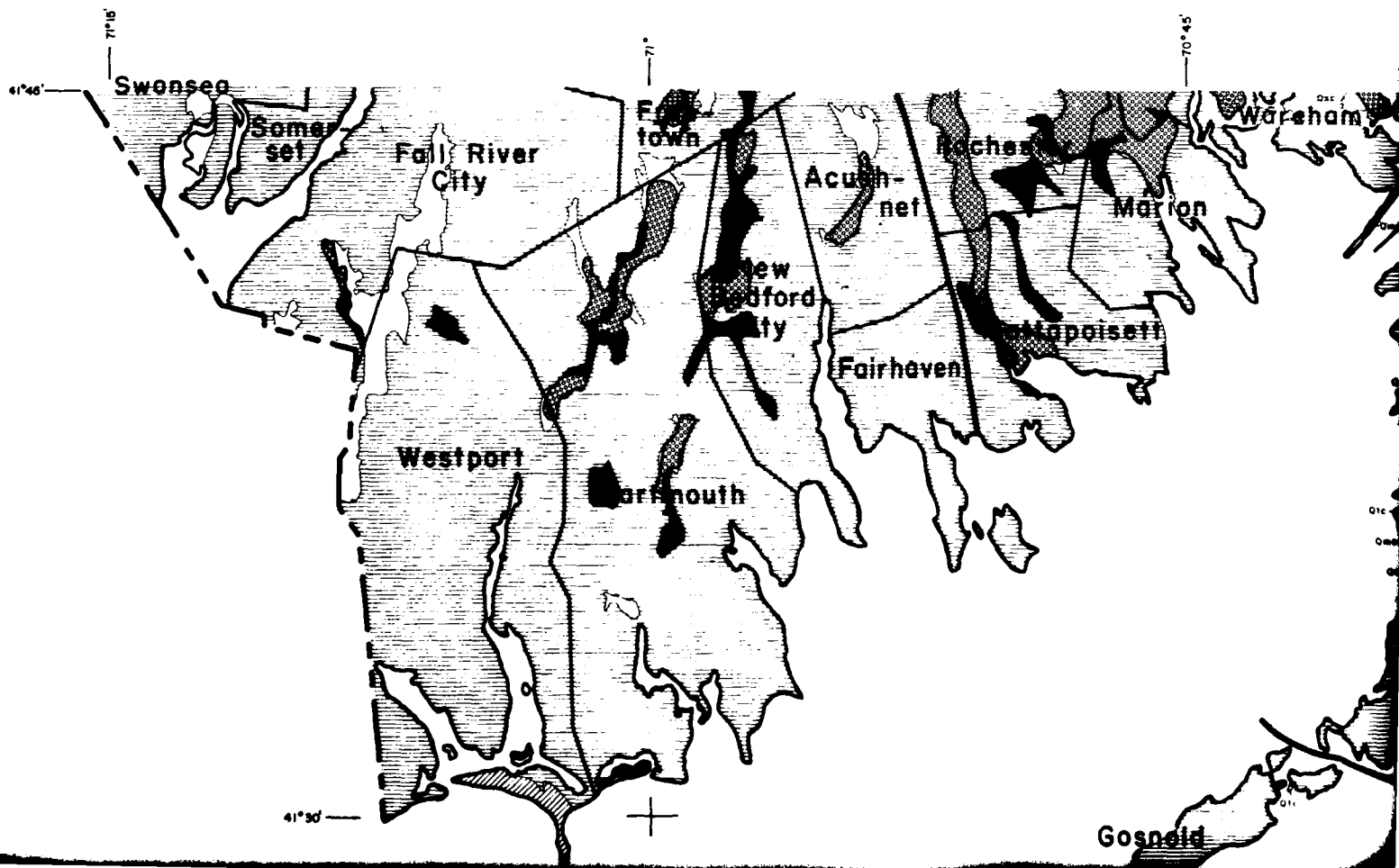
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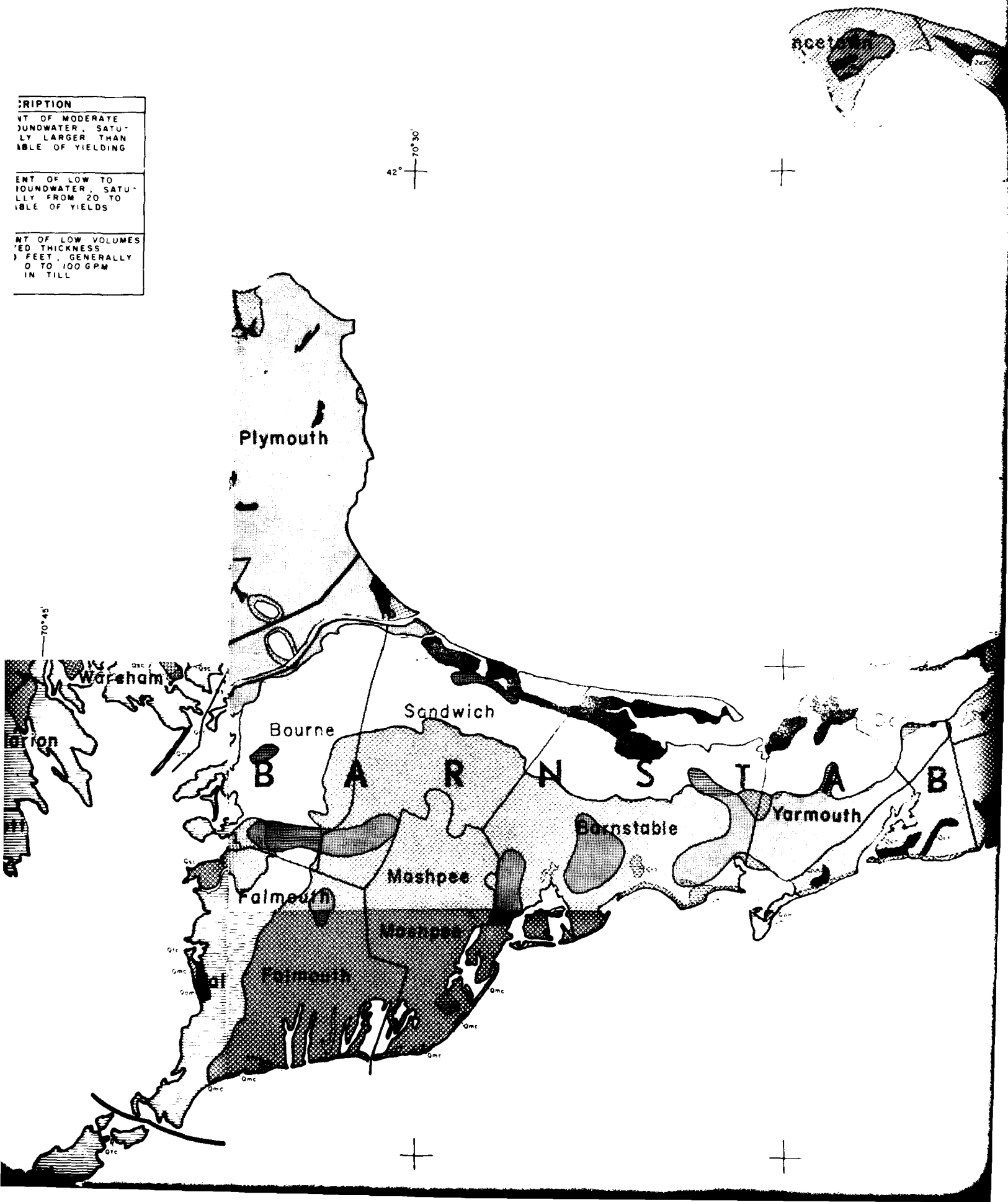


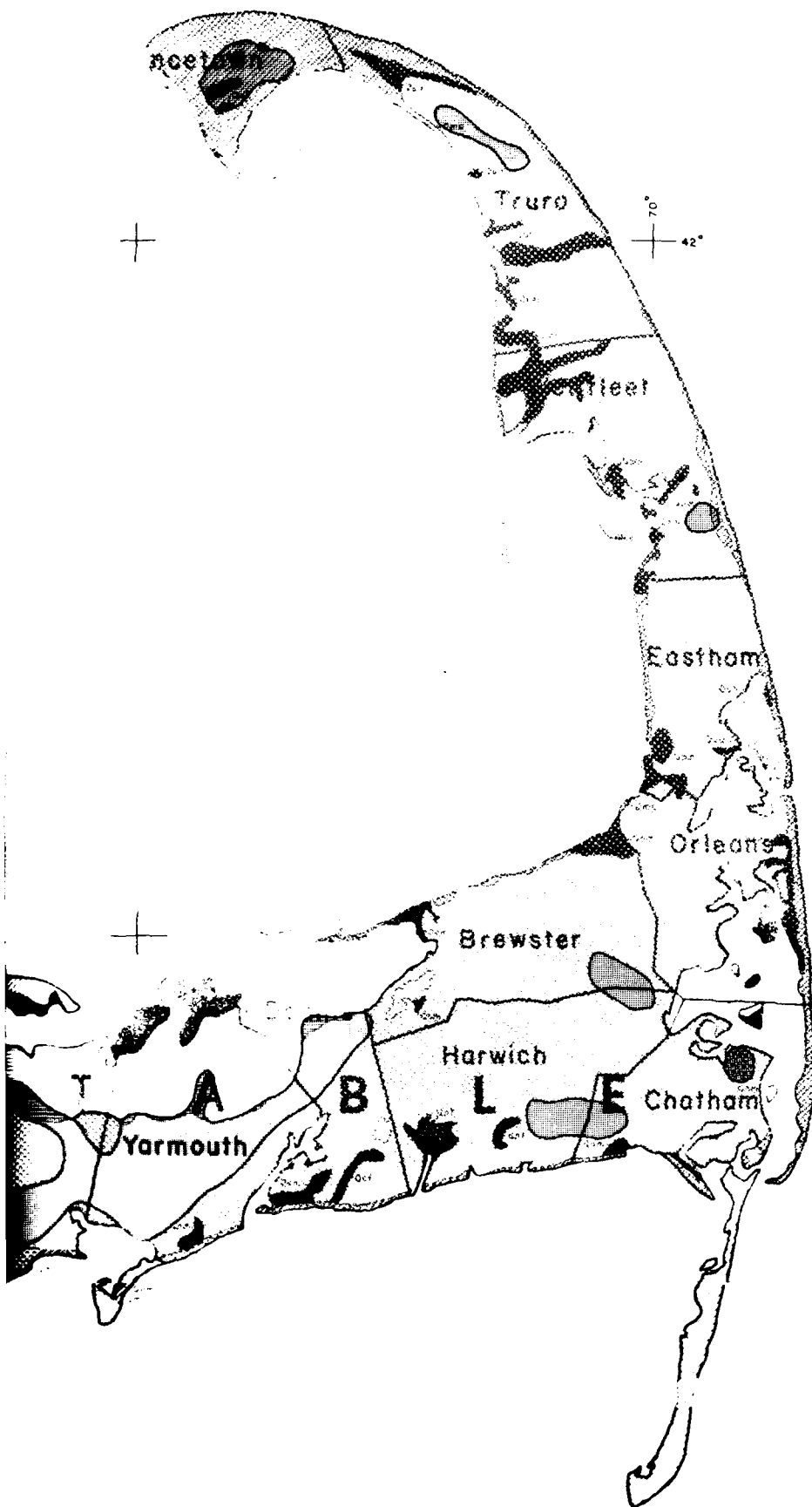
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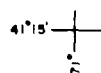
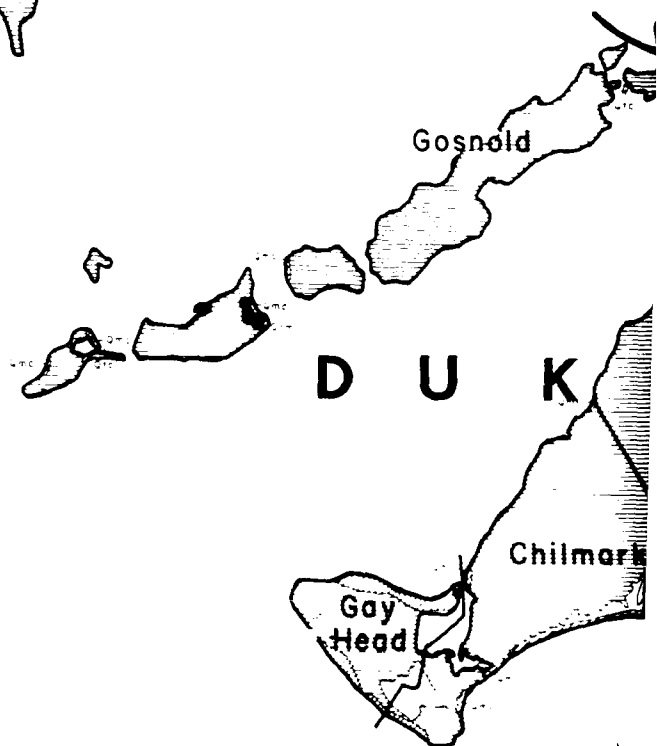
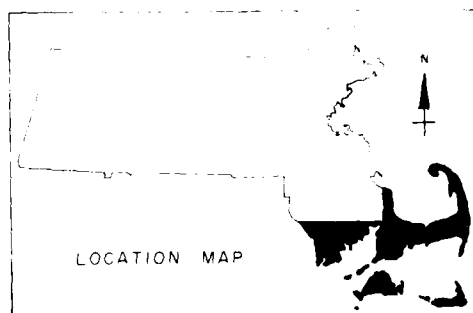
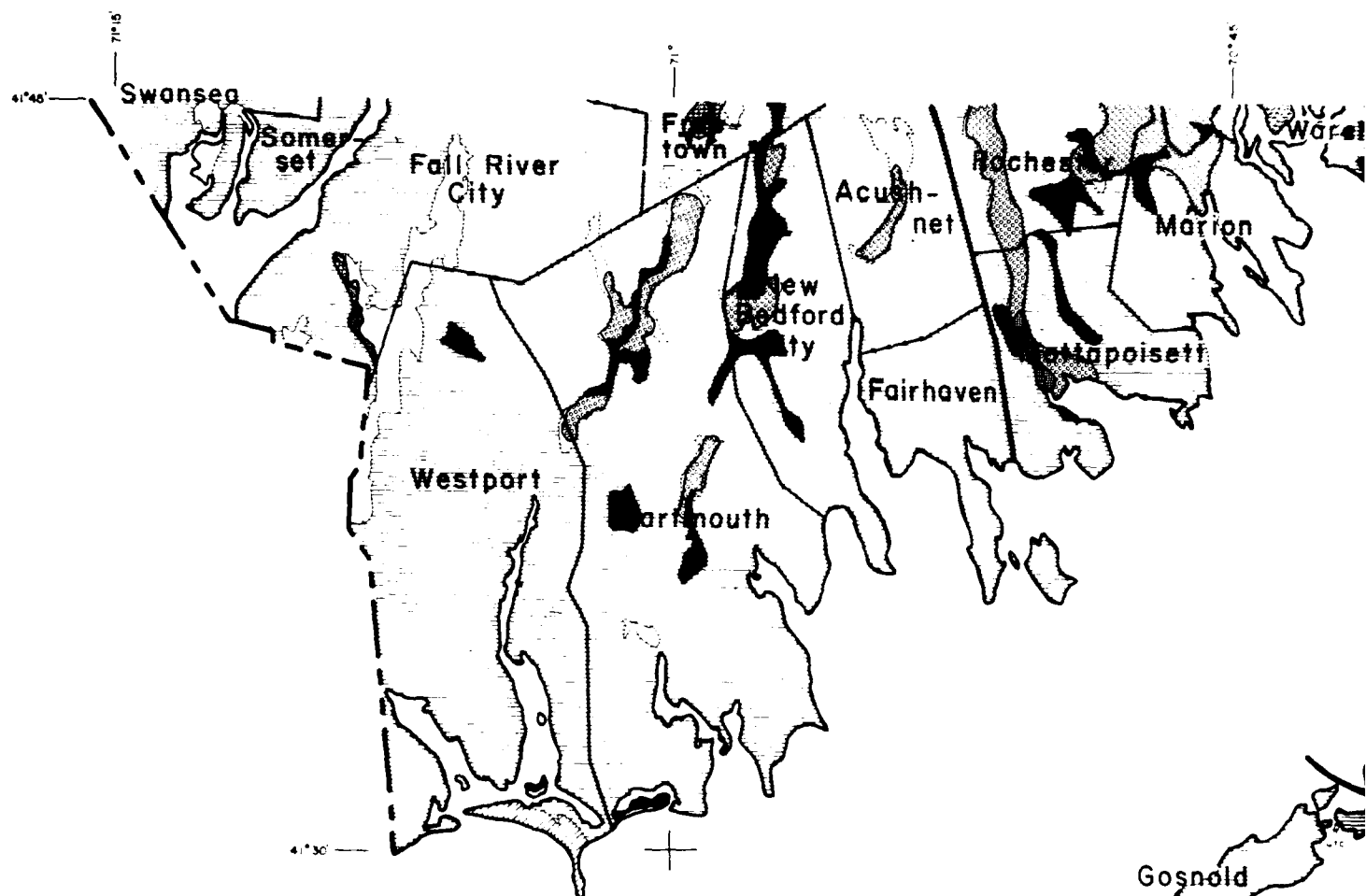
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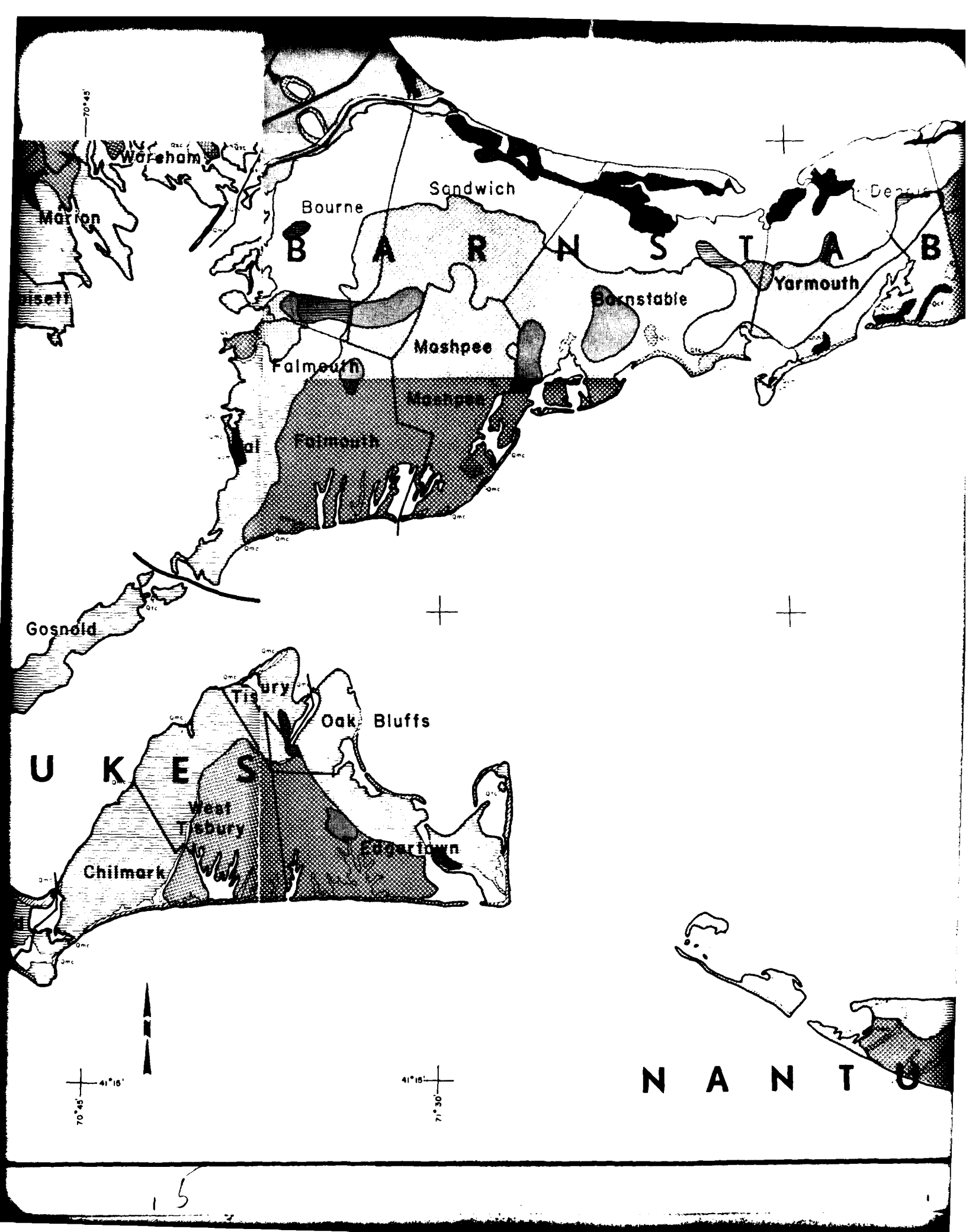
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